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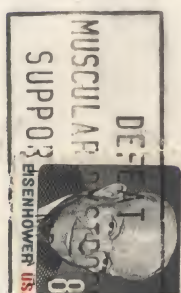
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I am your change-bearer
I am your instrument
of expansion
one flash only
fills the universe
one miracle only
endures forever
(eternity)
Color is a series
of harmonies
everywhere in
the universe
being divine
whole numbers

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GOUACHES FROM 1949 TO 1975

OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 20, 1975

lasting forever

adrift in time

Color is a pattern

that plays across

the membrane of

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Color is a

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of the

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Color is born

of the interpenetration

of light and dark

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Untitled (Krakatoa), 1980. Acrylic on canvas, 7'11¼" x 4'11" (2.41 x 1.49 m.)



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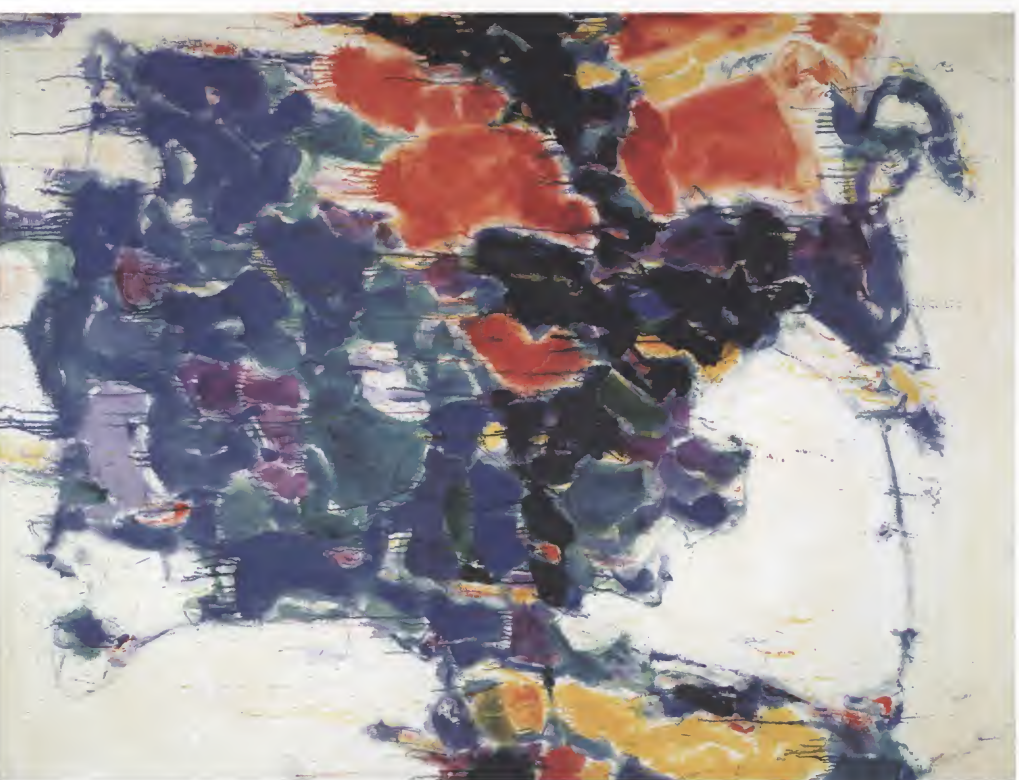
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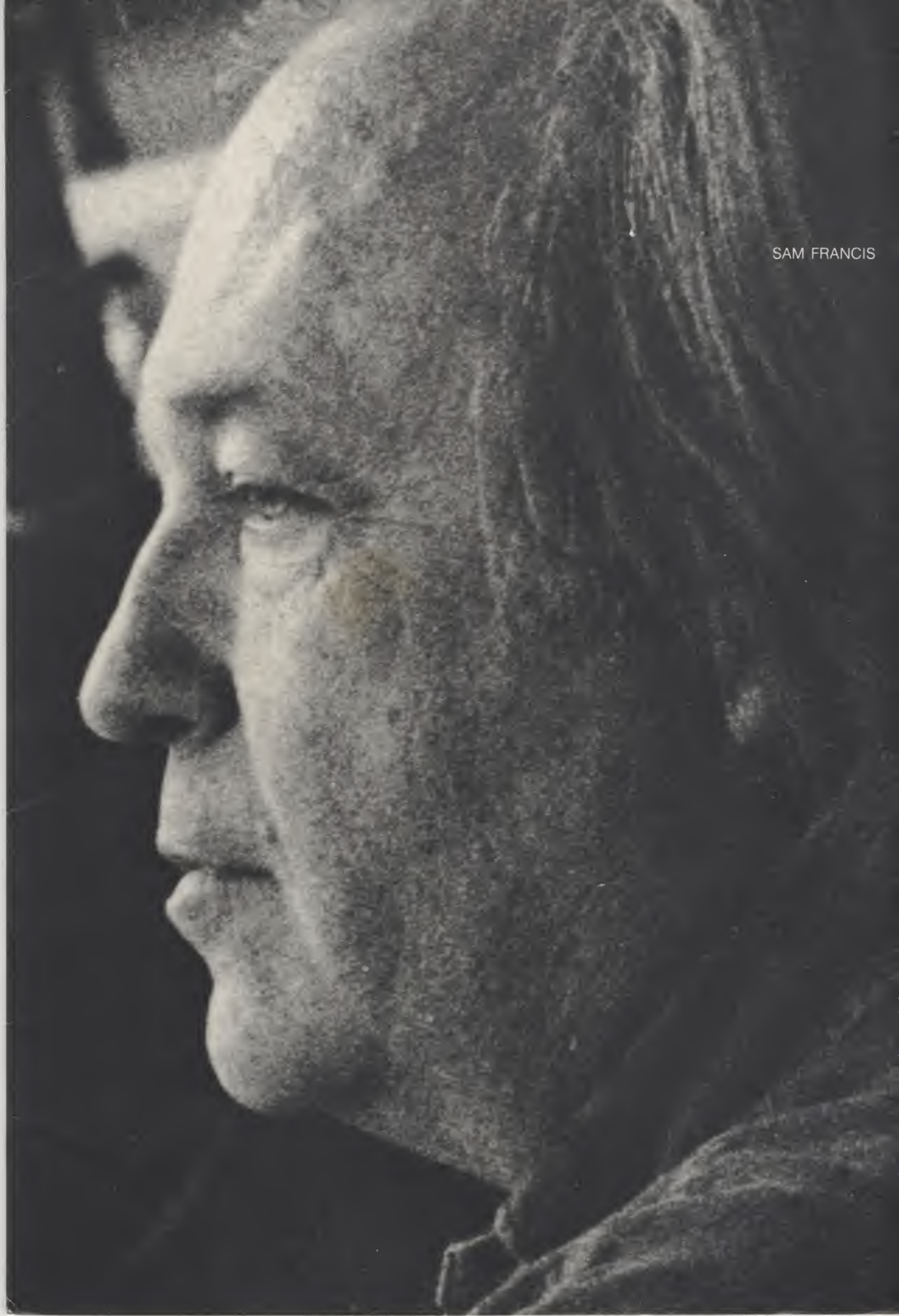
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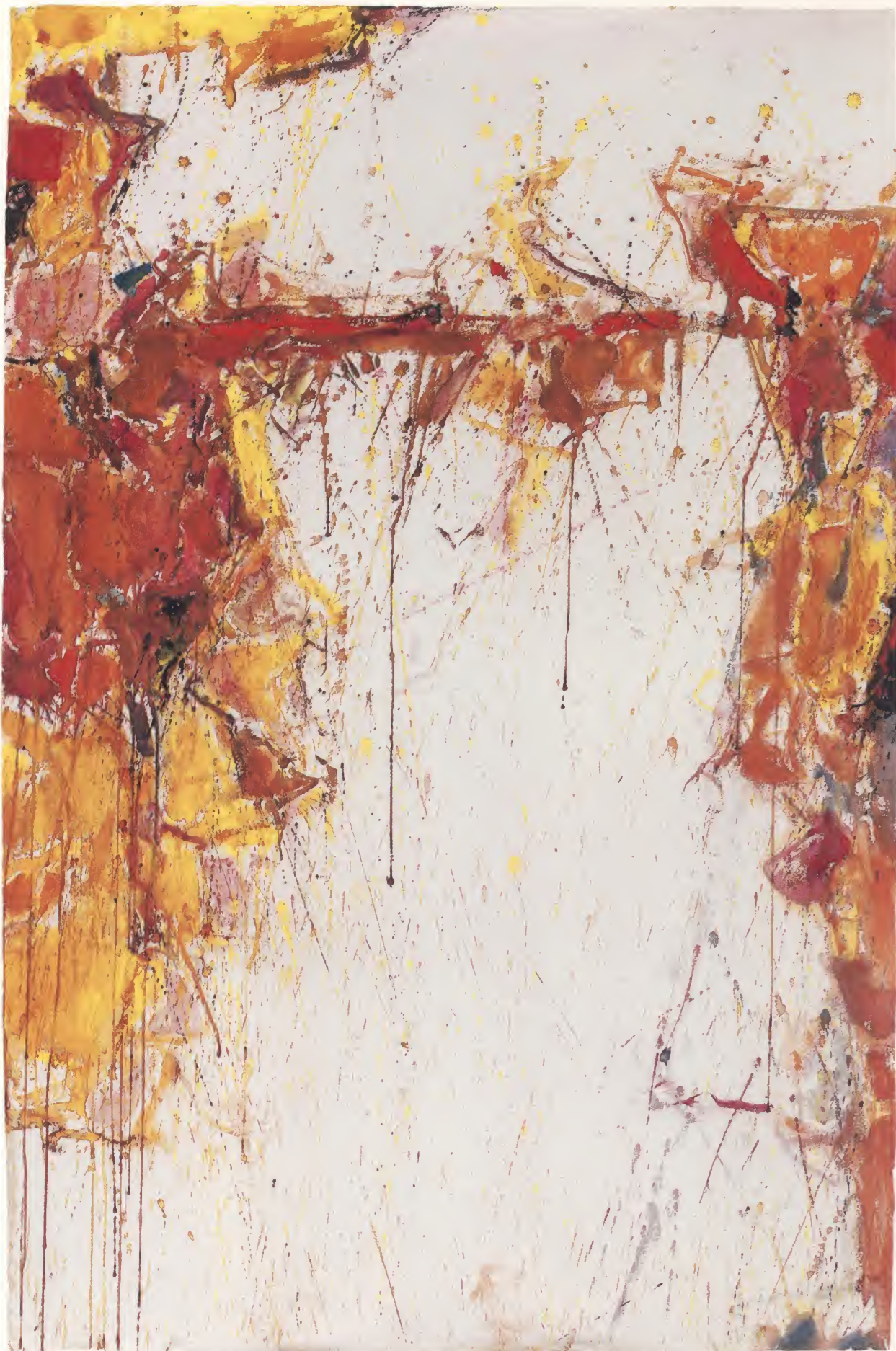
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Left: *Untitled*, 1958. Gouache on paper, 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ " \times 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ " (104 \times 69 cm.)



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Sam Francis

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SAM FRANCIS EDGE PAINTINGS

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OPENING MARCH 1ST 2003, RECEPTION 7-9 PM

Sam Francis' 'Edge' or 'Open' paintings are considered by a growing number of scholars to be the most inventive paintings in his oeuvre. They are his most visually spare, minimal body of work, and his most decisive. From 1965 and during the late 1960s, Francis concentrated on developing the Edge, which was readdressed in variations throughout his subsequent work. Colors are contained in zones that rest along or very near the edges of the canvas, leaving the center of the canvas 'open.' Large centralized expanses of white create a spatial continuum. Francis is celebrated as a colorist, but it is the exploration of color, light and space, which merge in these works, which pushes his explorations into color even further. Although considered a radical departure from his clustered, gestural or biomorphic imagery, these paintings are indeed central to Francis' work. Partly due to their size, a number of the paintings in the exhibition have never been exhibited before.

Peter Selz has described Francis' work in aqueous terms: "In water everything is in suspension, as it is in the sky, in space. His work is about suspension and levitation as opposed to gravity... mobilizing aqueous and aerial space. The subject of his painting is light and space." White becomes an important element, reversing his earlier work where colors fused and saturated into black. Selz goes on to say, "Despite the absence of figuration in his paintings, Francis belongs to the French tradition of Monet, Bonnard and Matisse—artists sensitive to the continuity of space, working with a hedonistic sense of color, and possessing a spontaneity deeply anchored in structure... While the Impressionists sought to describe new combinations of objects permeable to air, Sam Francis is concerned with the air itself." (1)

The concern with light, a paring down of the canvas, and the counterpoise of edge and center began to surface in the early 1950s while Francis painted in Paris, where he became conscious of the silvery gray quality of light and eschewed the bright color of his California paintings. A precursor to the Edge paintings can be seen in the monumental triptych *Basel Mural* (1956-58), both in scale and expanse of white territory: "A ceaseless interaction of white with oranges, reds, yellows, and blues – a tenuous balance between the white and the stained rectangles. They seem to momentarily lock into each other only to separate again in their sweep. Space opens suddenly to admit huge white areas which determine the total design, itself at once premeditated and spontaneous." (Selz, p55-56).

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In 1957, while in Mexico, Francis expanded the white areas of the *Basel Mural* with *Mexico*, and that same year painted *The Whiteness of the Whale* after an evocative chapter in Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*, which deals with the ineffable impression of the expanse of whiteness of the creature. Melville analyzed the symbolic meaning of white throughout history and consciousness: "It shadows forth the heartless voids and immensities of the universe." Around this time Francis first visited Japan. Familiar with Eastern thought, he was able to employ the silence and the void of Oriental painting.

Francis' perception of space, articulated most strongly in the Edge paintings, registers an aerial acuity, a spatial dimension that is echoed in his aerial method of pigment application. It is worth noting that an involvement with Southern Californian artists identified with Light and Space, and particularly his association with James Turrell at the time, may illuminate this aspect of his work. Both artists were pilots and flew over the vast expanses of Western United States desert, which has informed their respective aesthetics and perception of space and scale. They collaborated specifically upon aerial skywriting 'paintings', using colored pigment released from small planes (1969-70). This kind of scale is not depicted in Sam Francis' paintings; rather it is present in a non-figurative and intuitive way.

Selz summed up Francis' practice as always having been a confrontation with white. The bare white spaces in Francis' works—from paintings such as *Meaningless Gesture* (1958, oil on canvas), throughout the *Blue Ball* series of the early 1960s and most significantly in the Edge paintings—are the breathing spaces upon which color resonates. The sensation of great scale suggested by the large white surfaces is amplified by the most often primary colored edges, which prevail in the Edge paintings as they would in a fluid spectrum: As metaphors of vision, of seeing, of our eyes' ability to perceive color, light and space.

"We are always at the center of space
we are always at the center of time
we are always as far
as possible from both
east and west.." Sam Francis

"The space at
the center of these paintings
is reserved
for you" Sam Francis

References:

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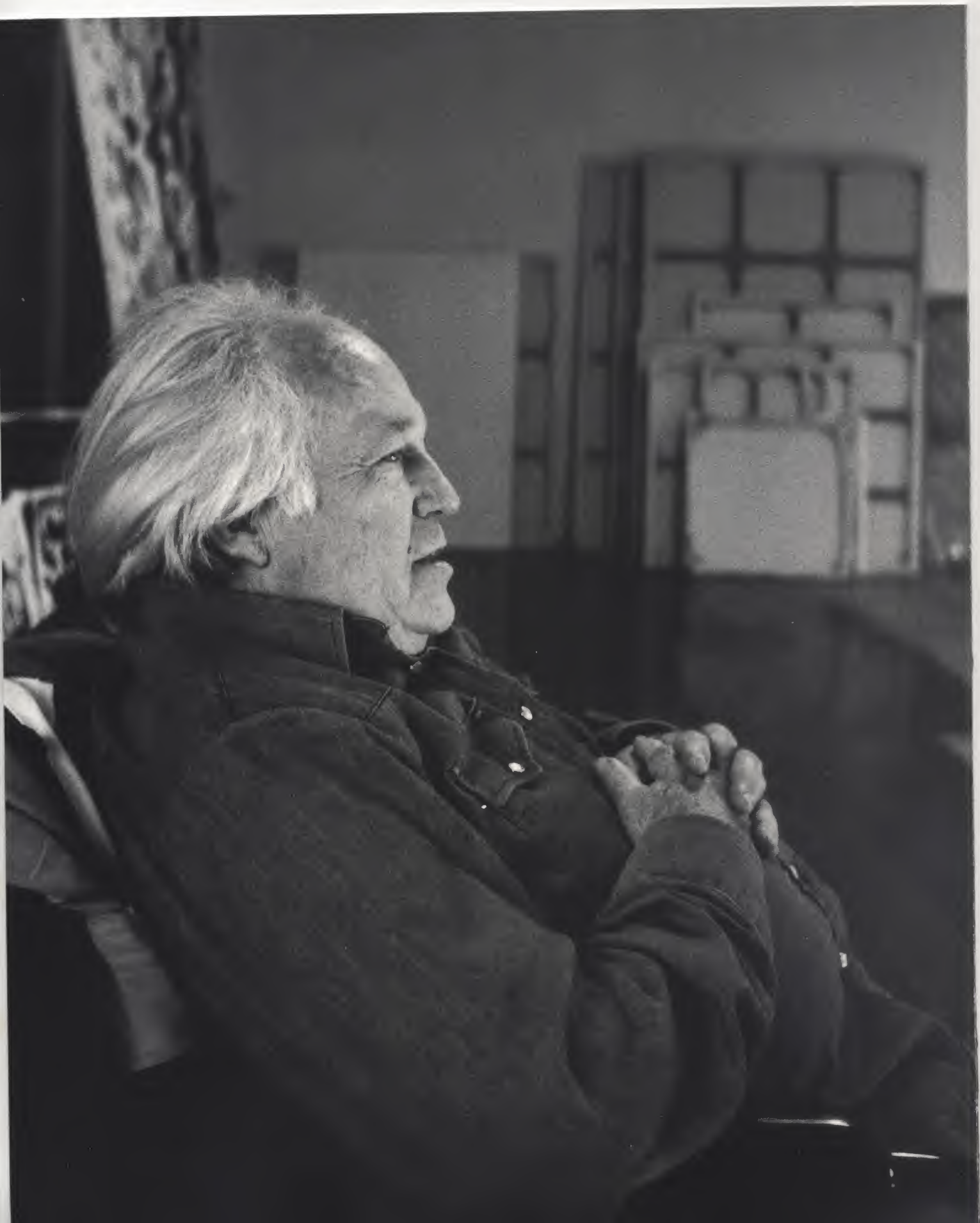
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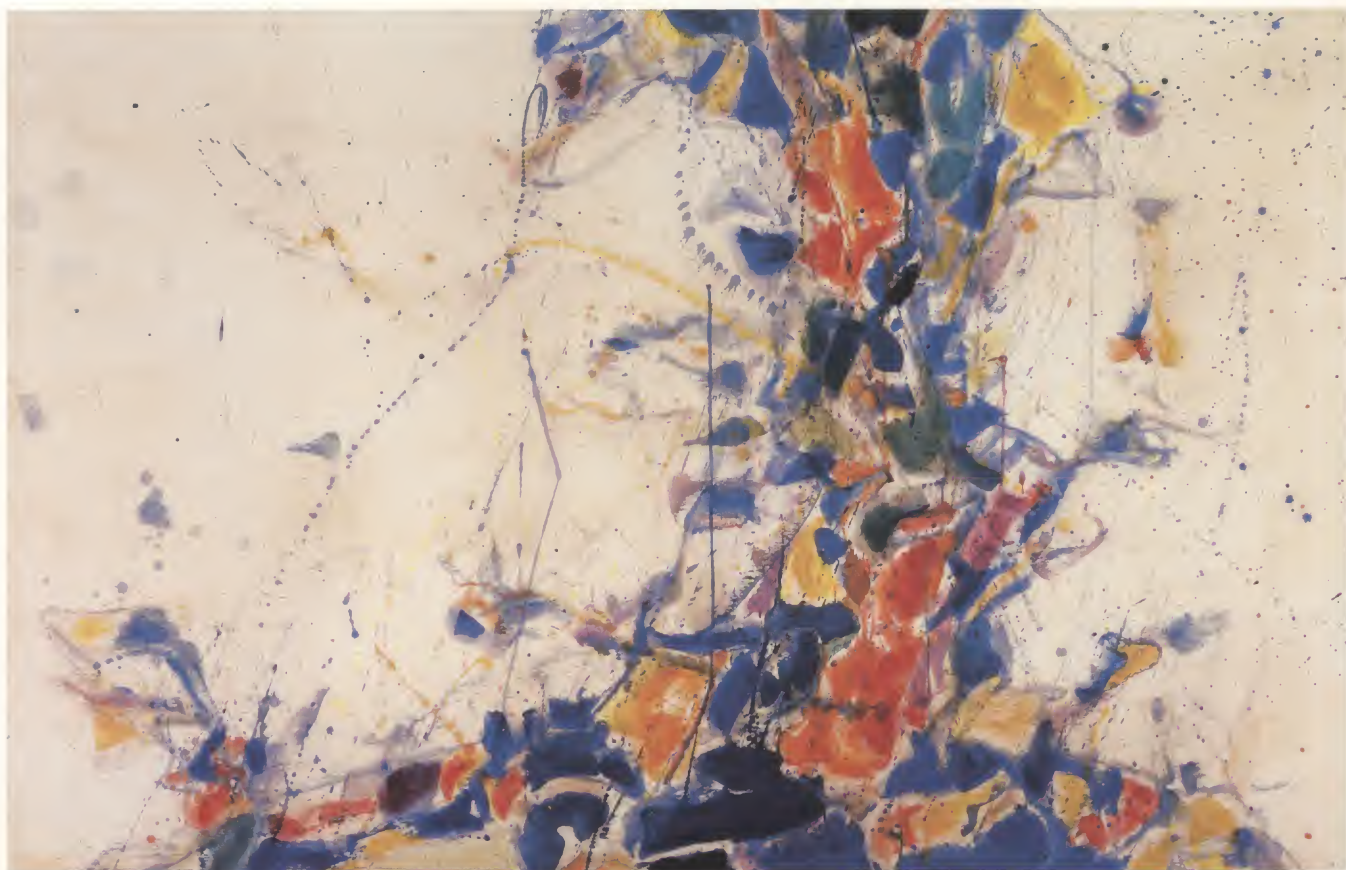
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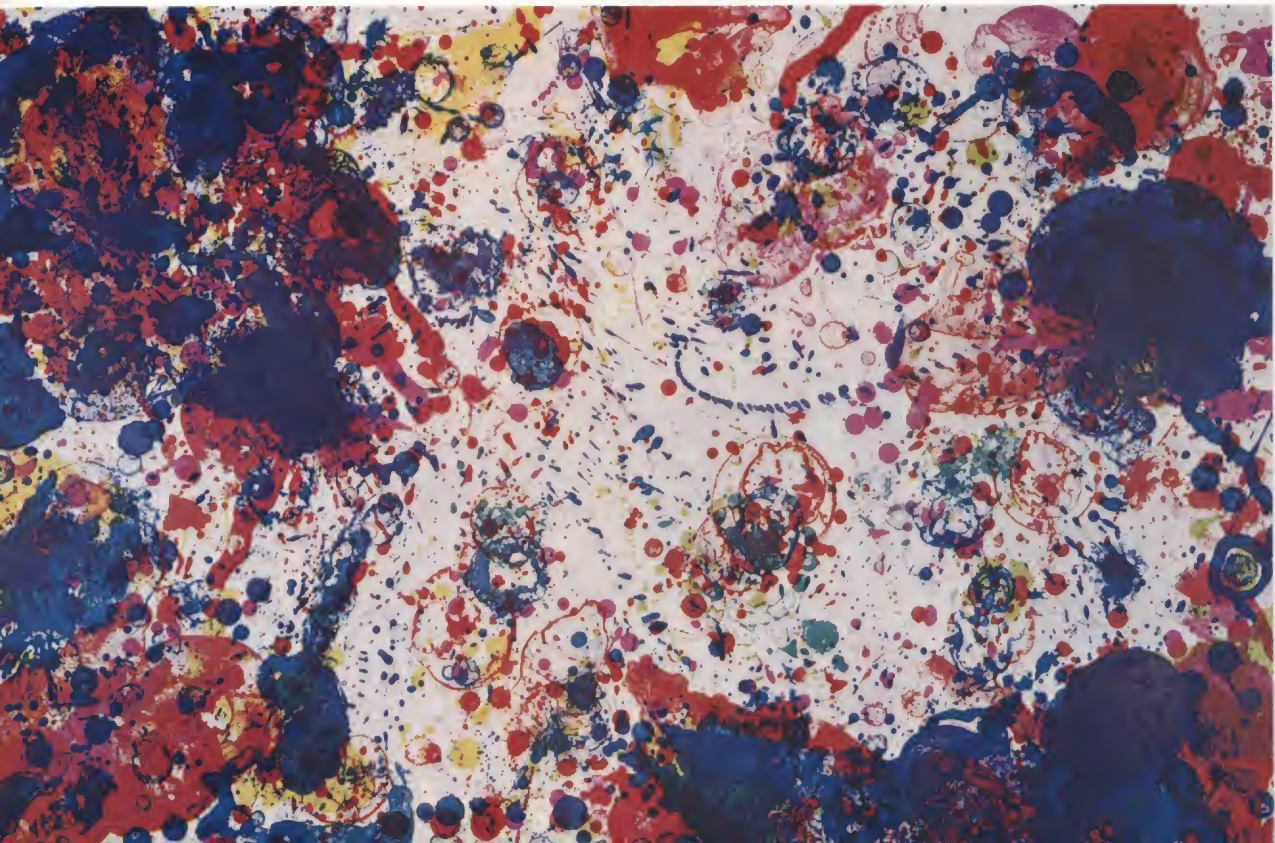
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Tuesday, February 6, 1973
6 p.m.-10 p.m.

Cocktails 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
Buffet dinner immediately following

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For James Kirsch
Lithograph
Sam Francis

SAM FRANCIS

Recent Lithographs

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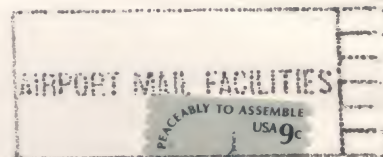
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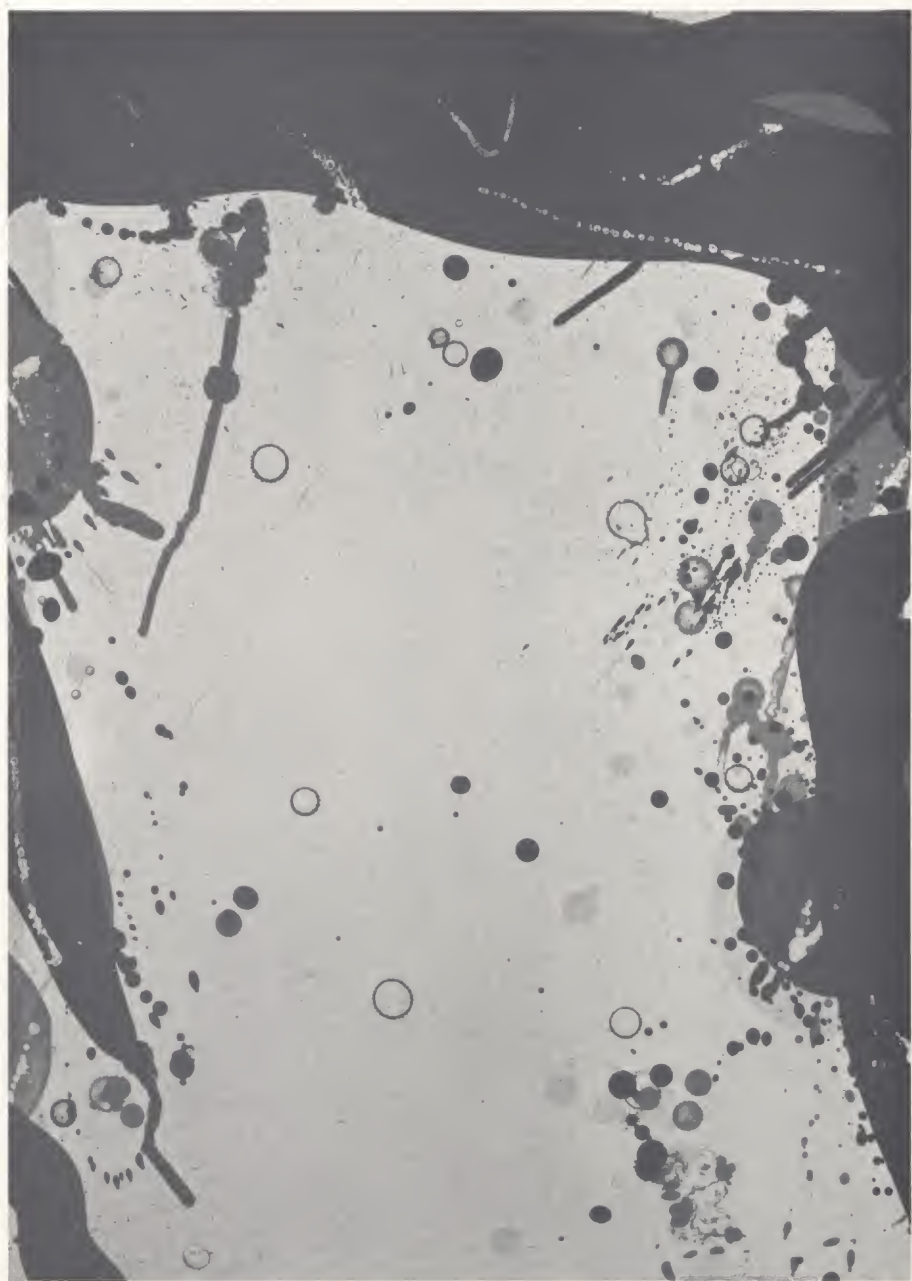


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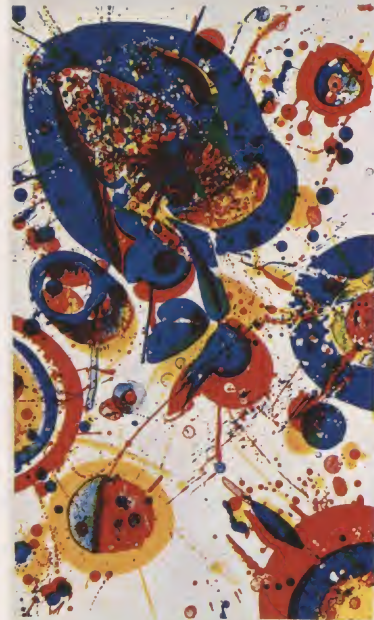
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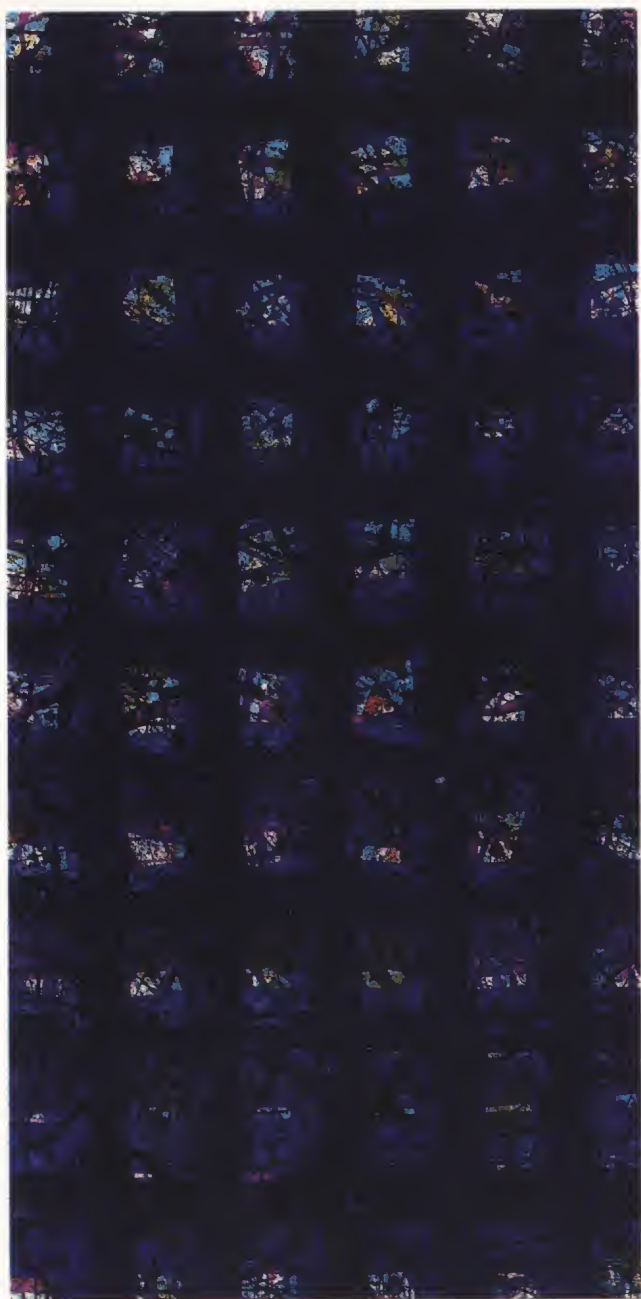
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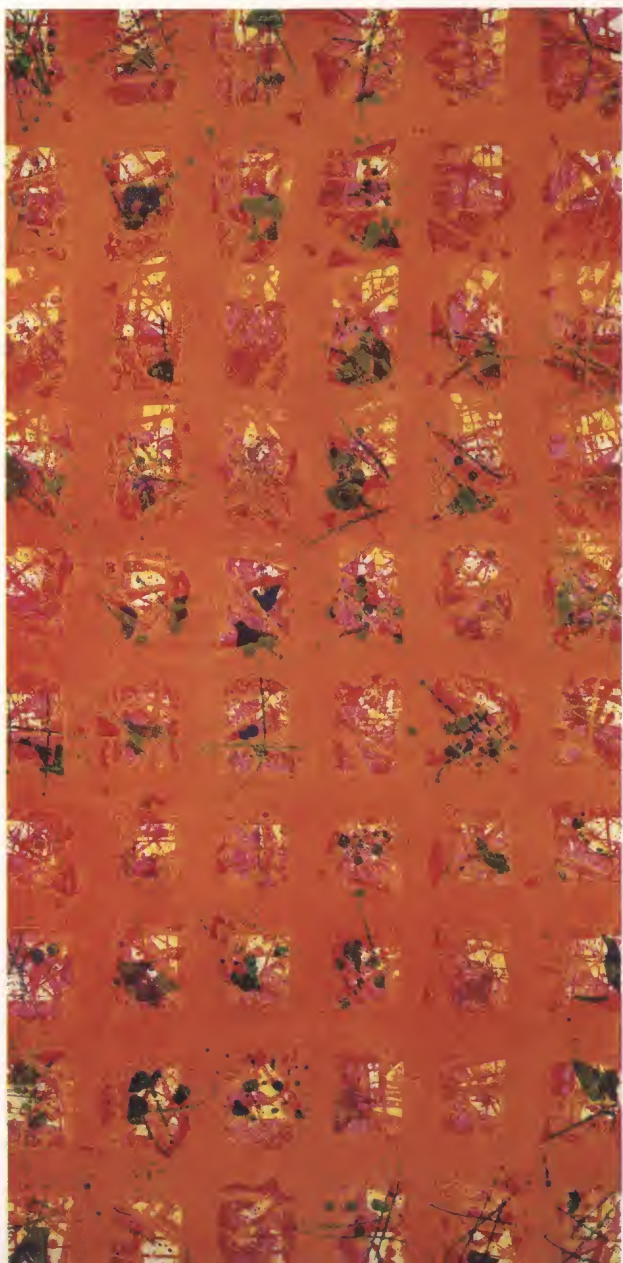
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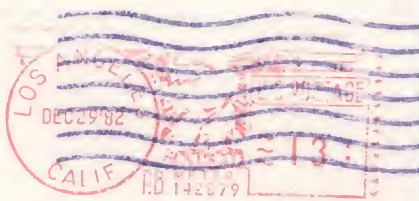
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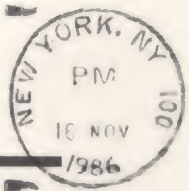
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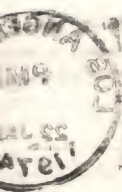
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Six years ago we opened our gallery on La Cienega Boulevard with an inaugural exhibition of works by Sam Francis from 1959 to 1964. When we moved into our new space this February, we thought it would be fitting to once again inaugurate the gallery with a Sam Francis exhibition; unfortunately time did not permit. However, we did not give up on the idea of a second Francis exhibition that would continue where our last show left off.

It is with great pleasure that we are now able to present *Sam Francis: 1964 - 1979* including works from the *Bright Ring*, *Edge*, *Fresh Air*, *Grid/Tracks* and *Mandala* series. It is our hope that this exhibition and catalogue with an essay by Gerald Nordland will illustrate the many challenges Sam has continually set for himself.



Sam Francis's last paintings, as he installed them in his Santa Monica studio, August 1994

"Sam Francis Remembered"

A Conversation with Margaret Smith Francis

In conjunction with the exhibition, *Sam Francis: The Last Works*, the artist's widow, Margaret Smith Francis, will engage in an informal conversation with Howard N. Fox, curator of contemporary art at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The event is free of charge and will be held in the Bing Theater on Saturday, June 3, at 2 p.m.

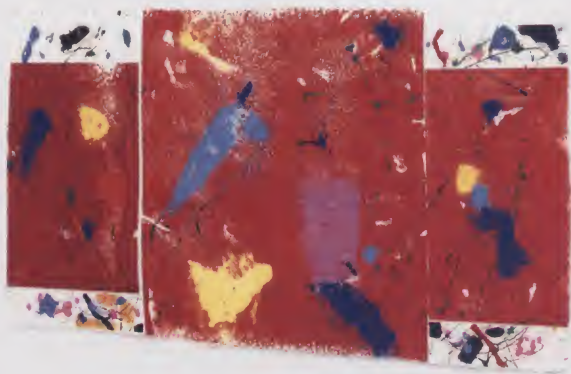
In a dialogue with the curator, Margaret Smith Francis will offer her insights and anecdotes on the art and life of the internationally acclaimed abstract painter. The discussion will provide an overview of Sam Francis's artistic development beginning with his early career in Paris and concluding with his final works on view at the museum and will explore such issues as his interest in Jungian philosophy and Zen Buddhism and their influence on his art.

Sam Francis: The Last Works, on view at Los Angeles County Museum of Art from May 25 through September 17, 1995, is the first public presentation of the paintings created in the months before the artist's death on November 4, 1994. These works—more than 150 in all—are uncharacteristically small for Francis, yet installed together they form a unified field that surrounds the viewer in a burst of color. The paintings are installed at the museum as they were in Francis's Santa Monica studio.

This exhibition was organized by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Support was provided by Camilla Chandler Frost, Lynda and Stewart Resnick and The Franklin Mint, Stanley Grinstein, and James R. Young.

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Inside: Chase Mural, New York studio, 1959.

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Sam Francis

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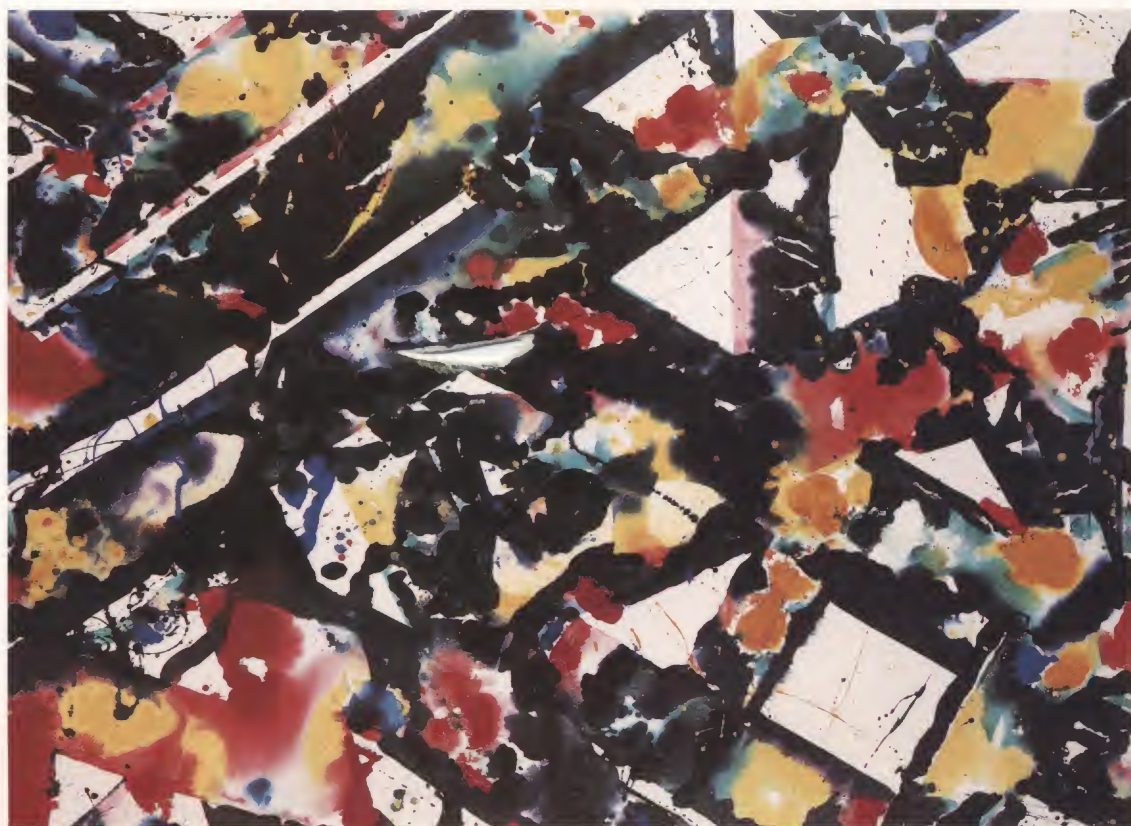


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Mark Tobey and Sam Francis were Pacific Coast artists both of whom were influenced by other cultures. Tobey was of the Bahá'í faith which takes inspiration from religions of the East and West. Sam Francis was a Jungian and also a Buddhist. Both artists reflect their spiritual commitments in their artwork. For Sam Francis his mandala imagery is a literal link to the religious. Mark Tobey's 'white writings' share Francis' meditative quality and belief in movement.

Mark Tobey experimented with several styles and his abstract works predate most of the abstract expressionists. This exhibition will showcase works from his early figurative style (1940s) to his later abstract 'white writings' (1950s-1970s). As an early abstract expressionist Tobey believed in the spiritual and human content of his work. His faith was always an important element of his art.

Sam Francis was influenced by Tobey and owned one of his works. Francis worked during the height of the abstract expressionist movement. As an action painter movement and line were of utmost importance.

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1923 – 1994

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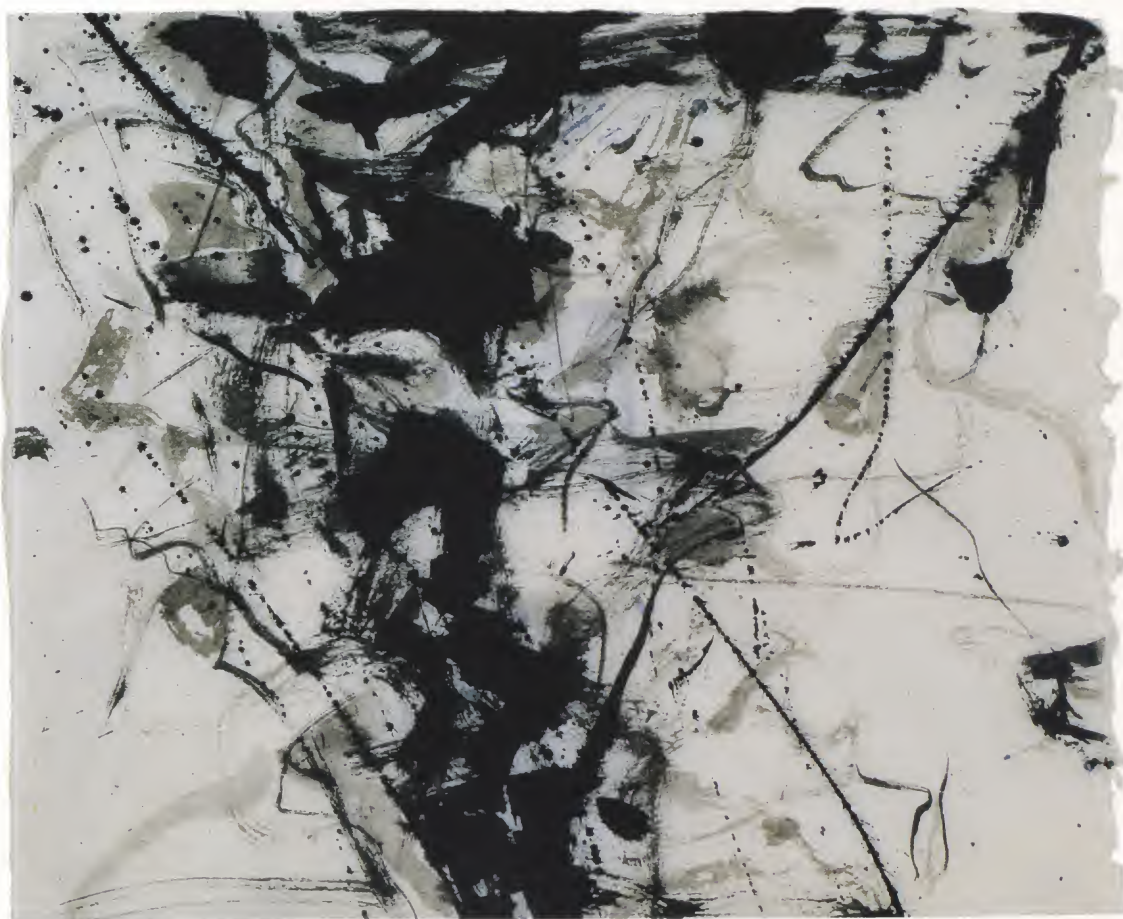
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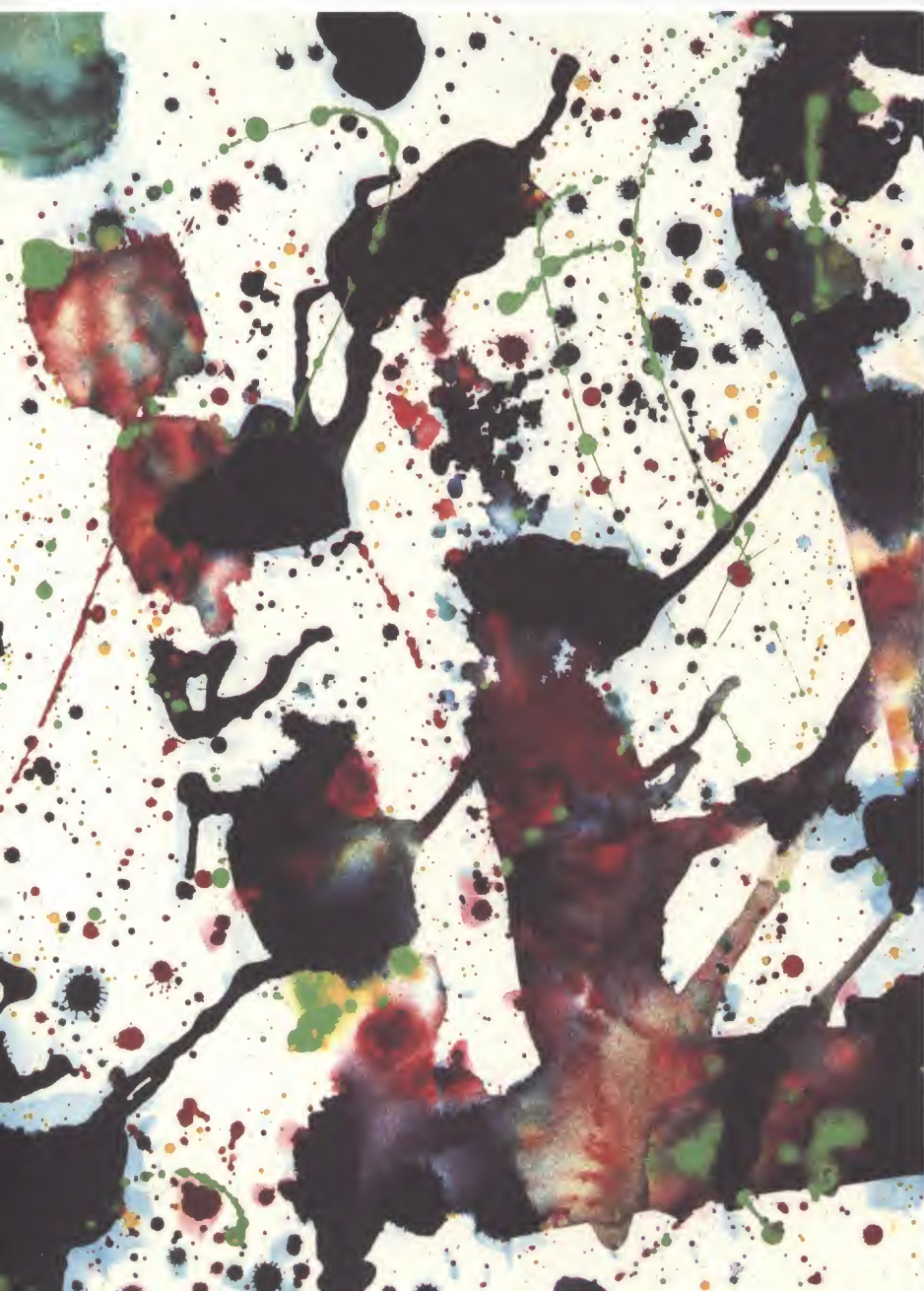
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Sam Francis

You are cordially invited to attend the opening of an exhibition, "Small Works from Recent Years" by SAM FRANCIS. A reception for the artist will be held Saturday, October 17 from 3 to 5 at the Ruth S. Schaffner Gallery, 128 West Ortega Street in Santa Barbara. The exhibition continues through November 12, 1981.





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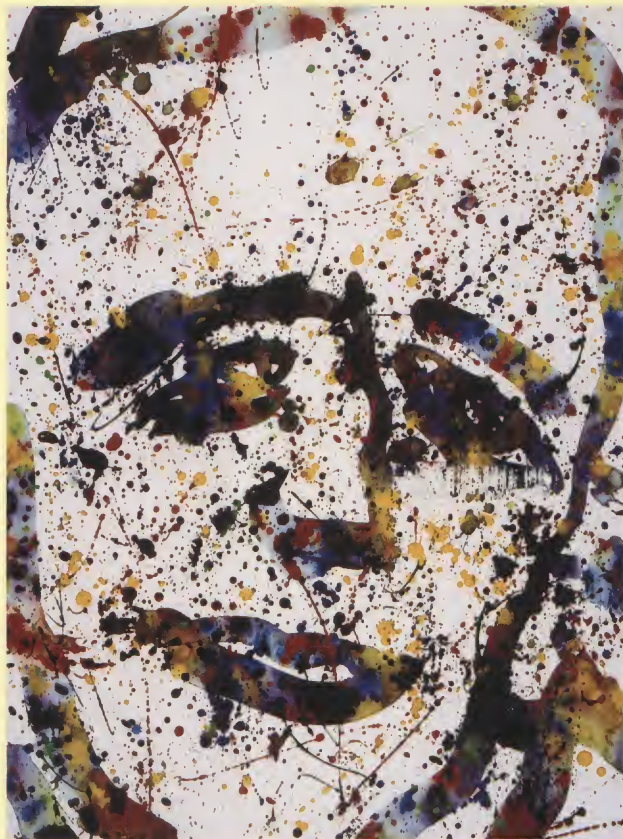
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Sam Francis: The Archetypal Image

January 11 through March 30, 1997

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Self-Portrait. 1974

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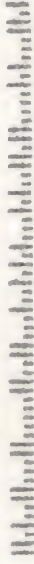
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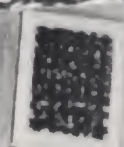
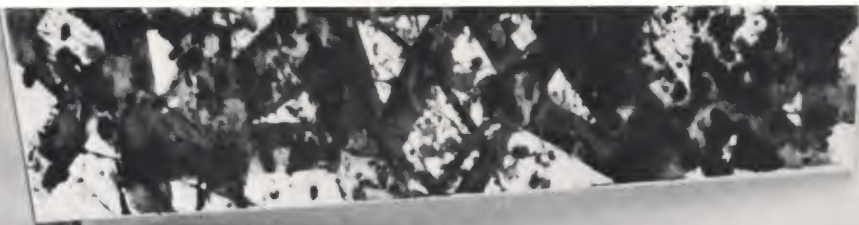
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Cover:
Krater, 1985.
Acrylic on paper,
34½" x 24¼" (88 x 62 cm.)

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acrylic on canvas
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- 4 Untitled, 1969
acrylic on canvas
13'2" x 7'3"
- 5 Untitled, 1969
acrylic on canvas
12'6" x 18'

All works are lent by the artist.

Sam Francis was born in San Mateo, California in 1923
and presently resides in Santa Monica.

Sam Francis Recent Paintings



In an interview with the author, Sam Francis said of his paintings: "*They're natural; they're what I do naturally. They have nothing to do with style. They're like my footprints.*" This installation includes five recent paintings belonging to an on-going series of work which dates from around 1963. Although this group of paintings manifests certain distinct breakthroughs, the problems with which Francis is currently involved have always characterized his oeuvre. These concerns have basically to do with movement, light and the relationship between white spaces (sometimes labelled "empty" space by unsympathetic critics) and the surrounding color masses.

The series comprises a body of work in which the compositional format is based on an enormous, open field framed on the canvas edge with color strips painted in a relatively hard-edge manner. In discussing these paintings, Francis claims that because the physical elements in them have been greatly reduced, the burden of esthetic demand lies with the viewer. He must, in the artist's opinion, establish his own relationship to the works by bringing something of himself to the situation and confronting the paintings intellectually as well as visually, without the aid of elaborate referents or symbolism.

The white center he describes as a metaphysical space, not depicting literal space, yet not a void either. Unlike an artist such as Morris Louis who painted on raw duck, Francis maintains a careful control over the whiteness of the center area, actually mixing many colors to produce the precise hue desired for each painting. The paint is then meticulously applied in layers resulting in an extraordinarily refined surface quality.

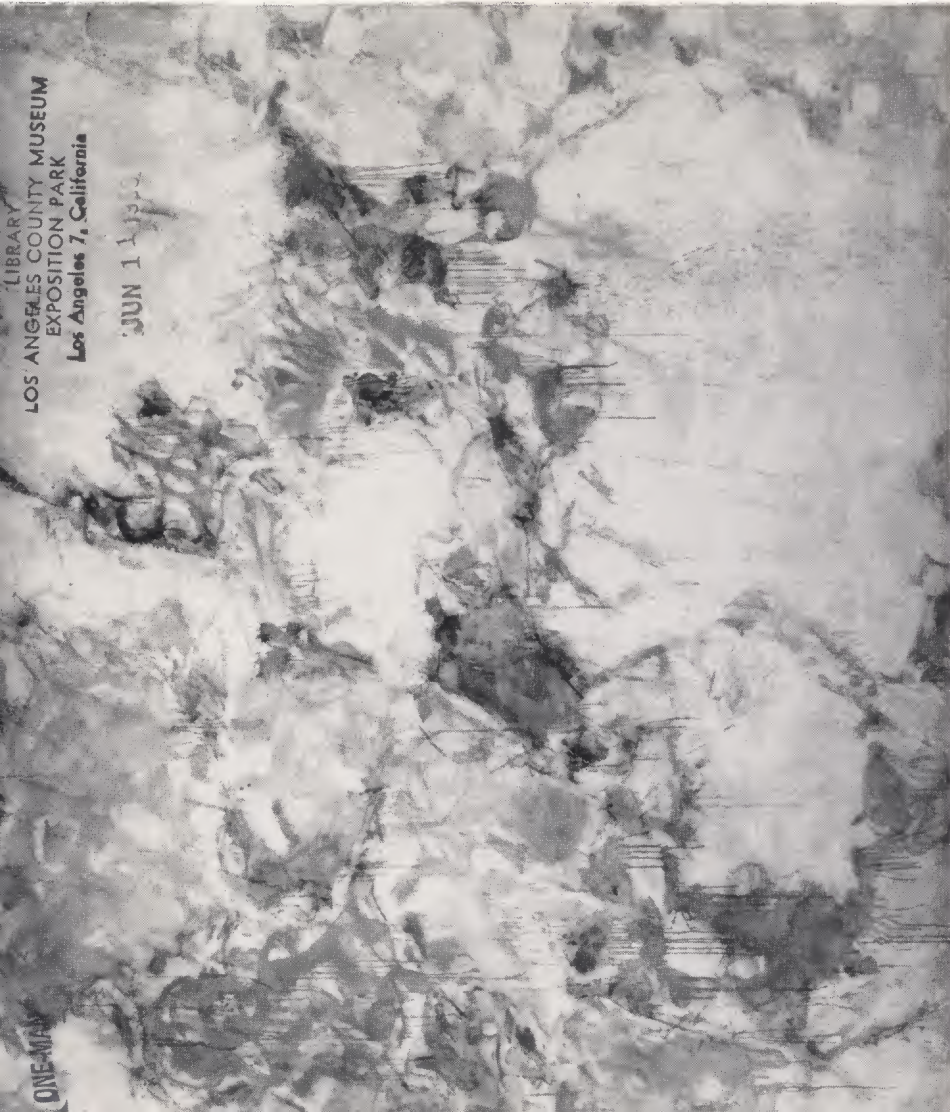
The nature and character of white have been of paramount concern to Francis over the years, evinced by such series as *White Painting*, 1952, *The Whiteness of the Whale*, 1958, and *White Line*, 1959. This relates to a more general interest in light and a longstanding effort to paint the actual substance or quality of light, the feeling of being in it.

In his previous work the white areas of canvas have played a crucial role both compositionally and coloristically, especially in the works of the late 50's and the *Blue Balls* series of the early 60's. In these earlier paintings white functions more traditionally as a ground against which the color shapes are strategically placed, resulting in a balanced and rhythmic flow of forms on an open field. But gradually over the past few years the white center has expanded and begun to predominate the picture surface, so that the artist's aim to render the very presence of light is felt more and more palpably. The situation is now almost opposite from that of the earlier works: the brilliant color masses, instead of being played off against a white background, have become the agents by which the white field itself is activated.

Movement (or the dynamic relationships generated by the picture components) is the other essential element in Francis' work, but whereas before it was primarily an internal, self-contained force, evoked by the action of interrelated swirls and drips of paint within the picture surface, now the sense of movement has extended beyond the confines of the canvas support, into the viewer's domain, aggressively engaging his attention. Francis calls it "a suction effect, a pressure system," and compares it to the wind. "*People always say the wind blows; it doesn't, it's sucked. I've always been interested in suction.*" This effect is particularly strong in paintings such as the five in this exhibition which, because of their monumentality, demand more than a dispassionate visual perusal, but rather a total esthetic involvement.

In light of Francis' previous achievement and the widespread attention he has received internationally, it is fitting that these new works should have their first extensive showing in several Southern California institutions, for it is here that he has lived and developed these paintings for the past seven years.

Gail Scott



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Sam Francis won his first recognition as an abstract artist of the first rank in 1952 with his first one-man show at Nina Dausset's Paris Gallery. In 1954 he was the most talked-about American painter in England. His reputation is now truly international and his works may be seen in public and private collections from Tokyo to Paris. An avid traveller maintaining a studio in New York and another in Paris, but also working in Japan or wherever he may be, Francis is a prodigious worker. Each year he paints eight to twelve large compositions as well as numerous small sketches and studies.

Direct representation of the material world holds no interest for Sam Francis, but he is seriously and deeply interested in representing ideas, moods and emotions. His paintings are never abstract in the sense that they are intended only as patterns of form, line and color. Each painting is charged with a meaning, a subject which Francis hopes to convey in the most direct manner. He feels that to borrow symbols from other cultures or times, or even from his fellow contemporary artists would detract from the direct and elementary impact of his work.

Sam Francis is a native Californian. He was born in San Mateo in 1923. While on active service in World War II he became seriously ill. In the hospital where it was believed he would become a permanent invalid, and through the influence of his friend David Park, artist-teacher in the California School of Fine Arts, he began to paint. This was 1946. Within several months he had recovered sufficiently to enroll in the University of California Art School. From 1947 to 1950 he took an active part in exhibitions in California. In 1950 Francis moved to Paris. As a painter he has been largely self-taught, but he began with a sound background in art history for he had studied this subject before entering the Air Force of World War II.

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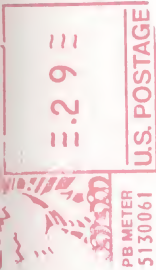
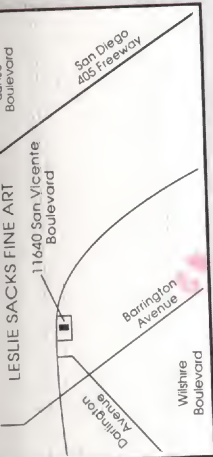
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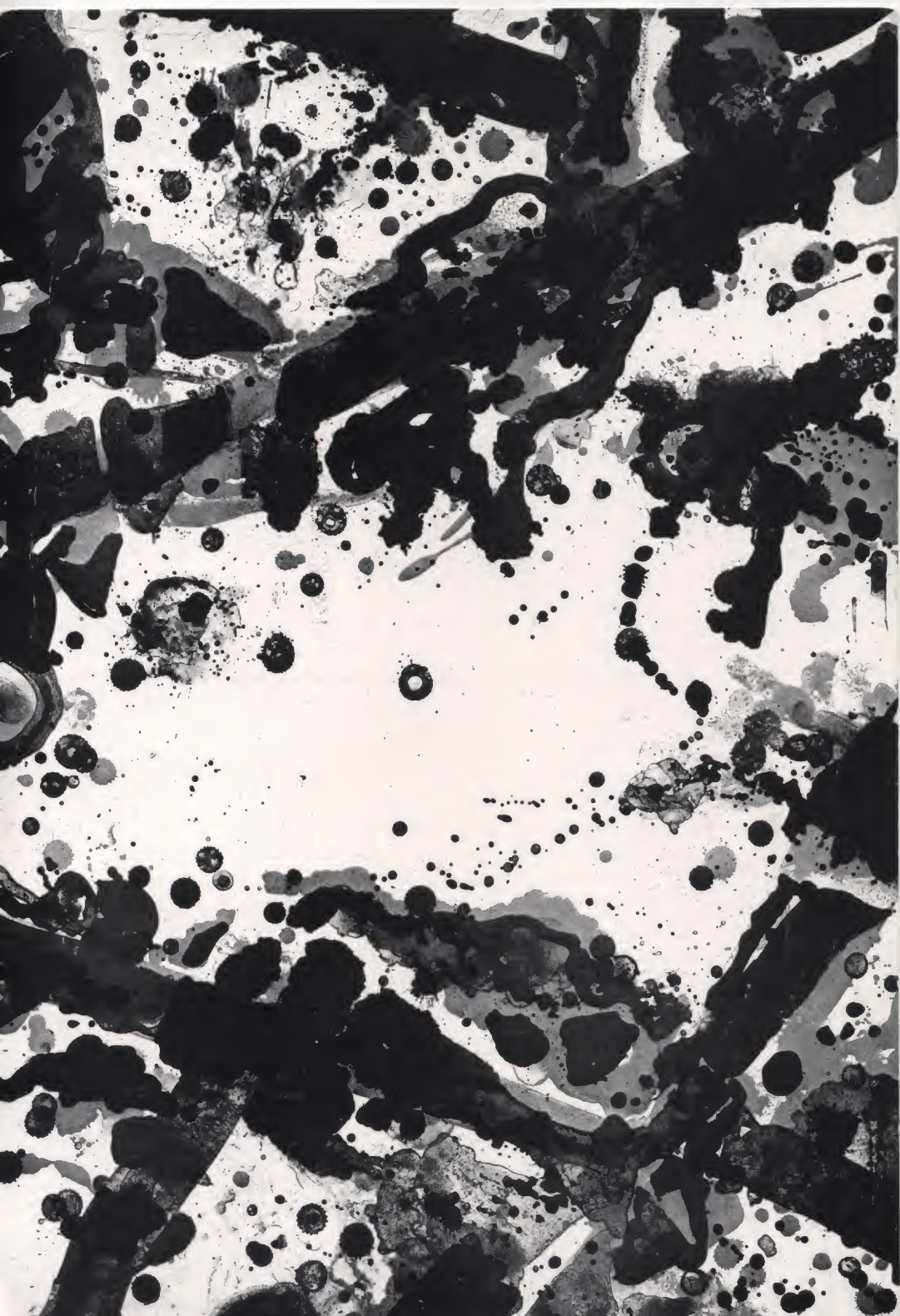
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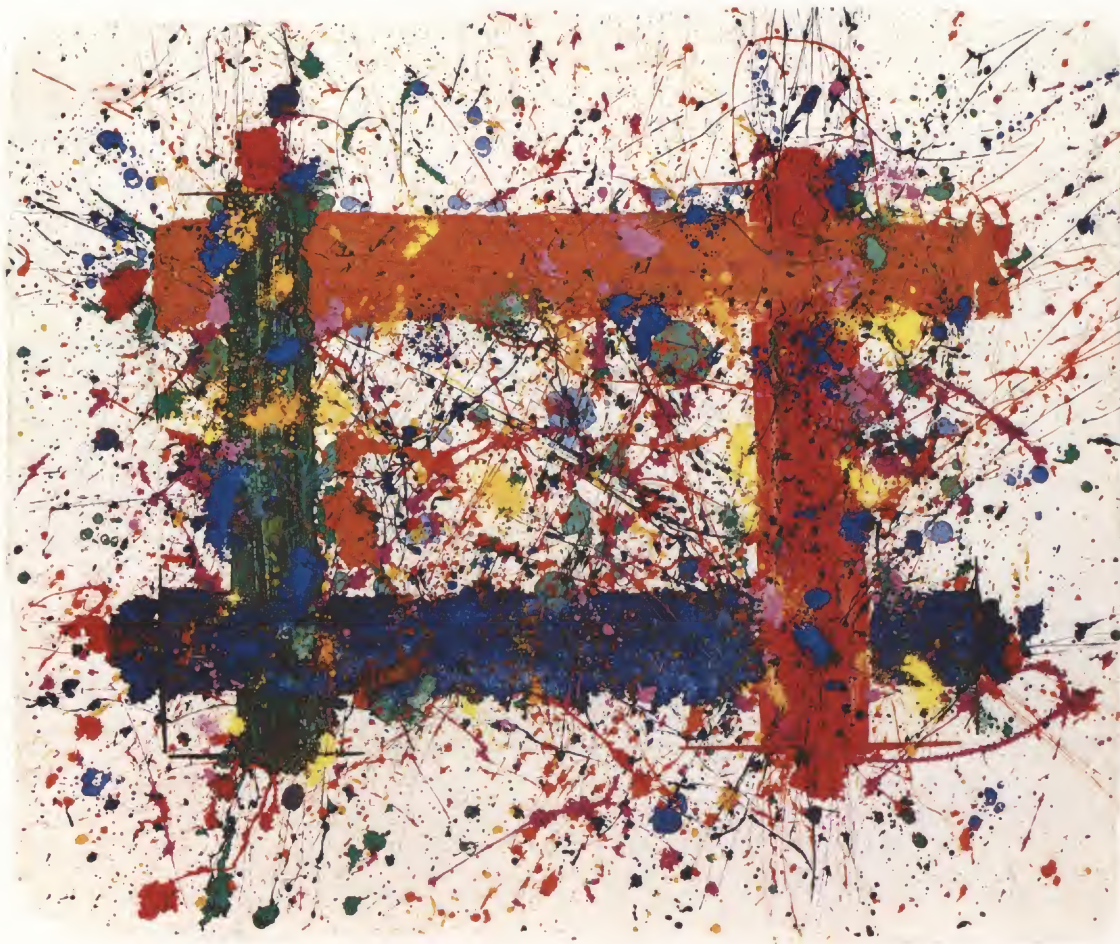
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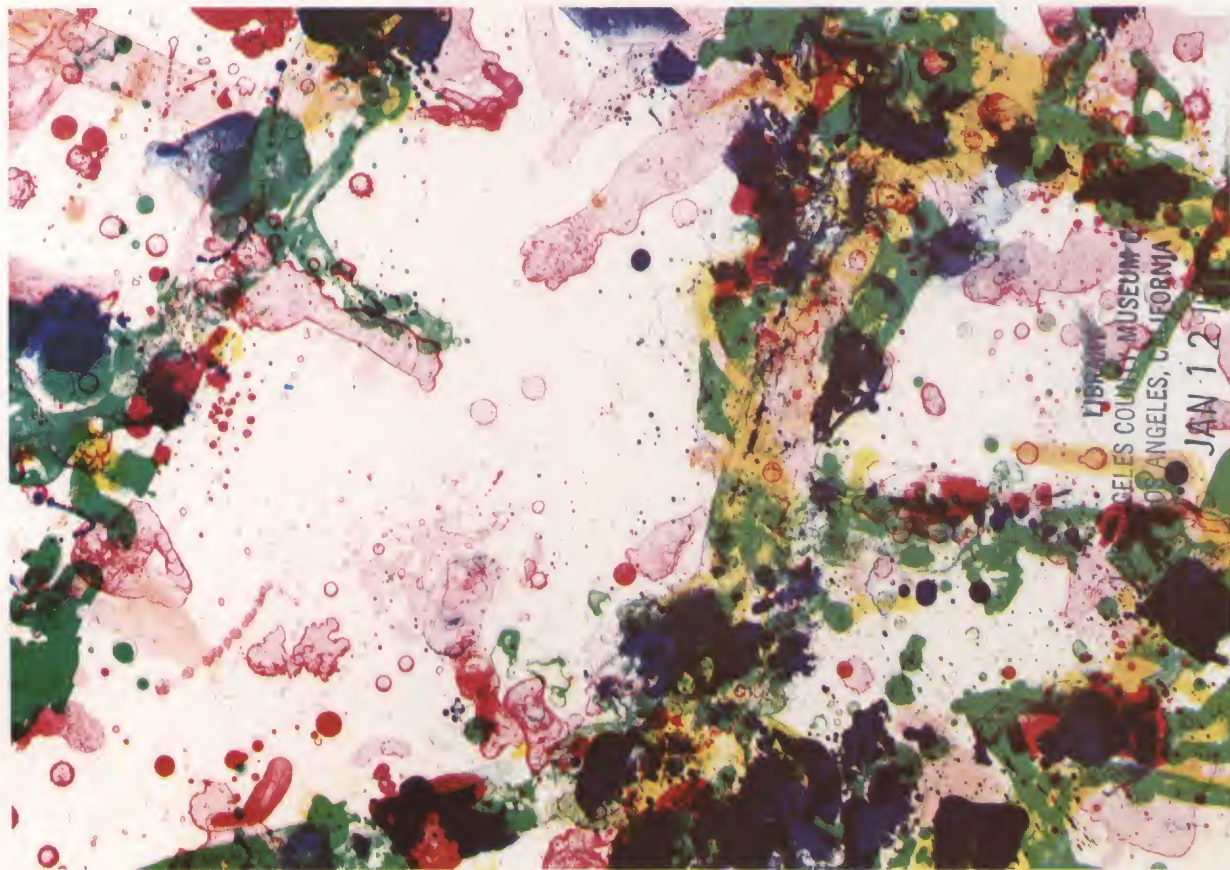
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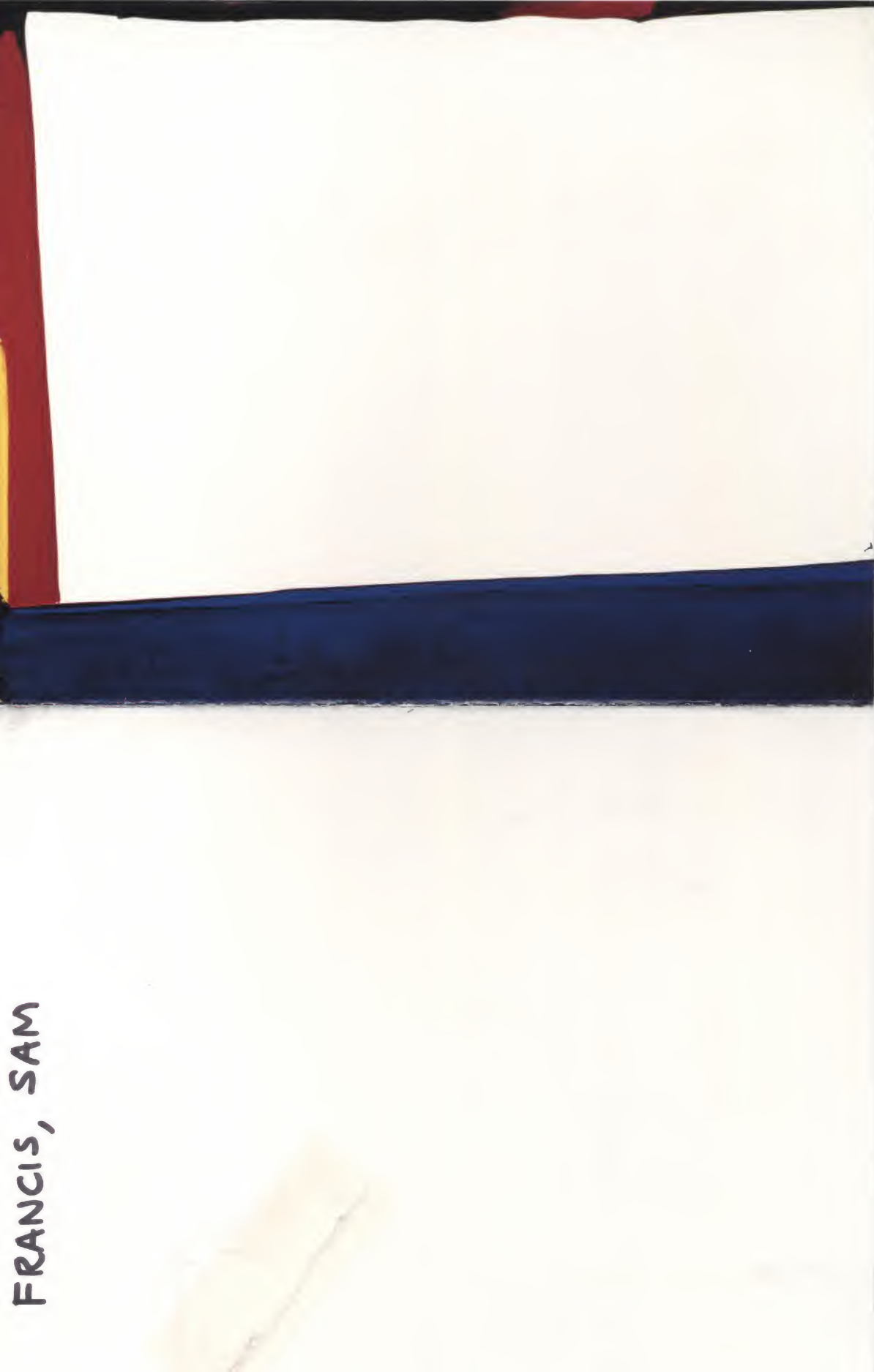
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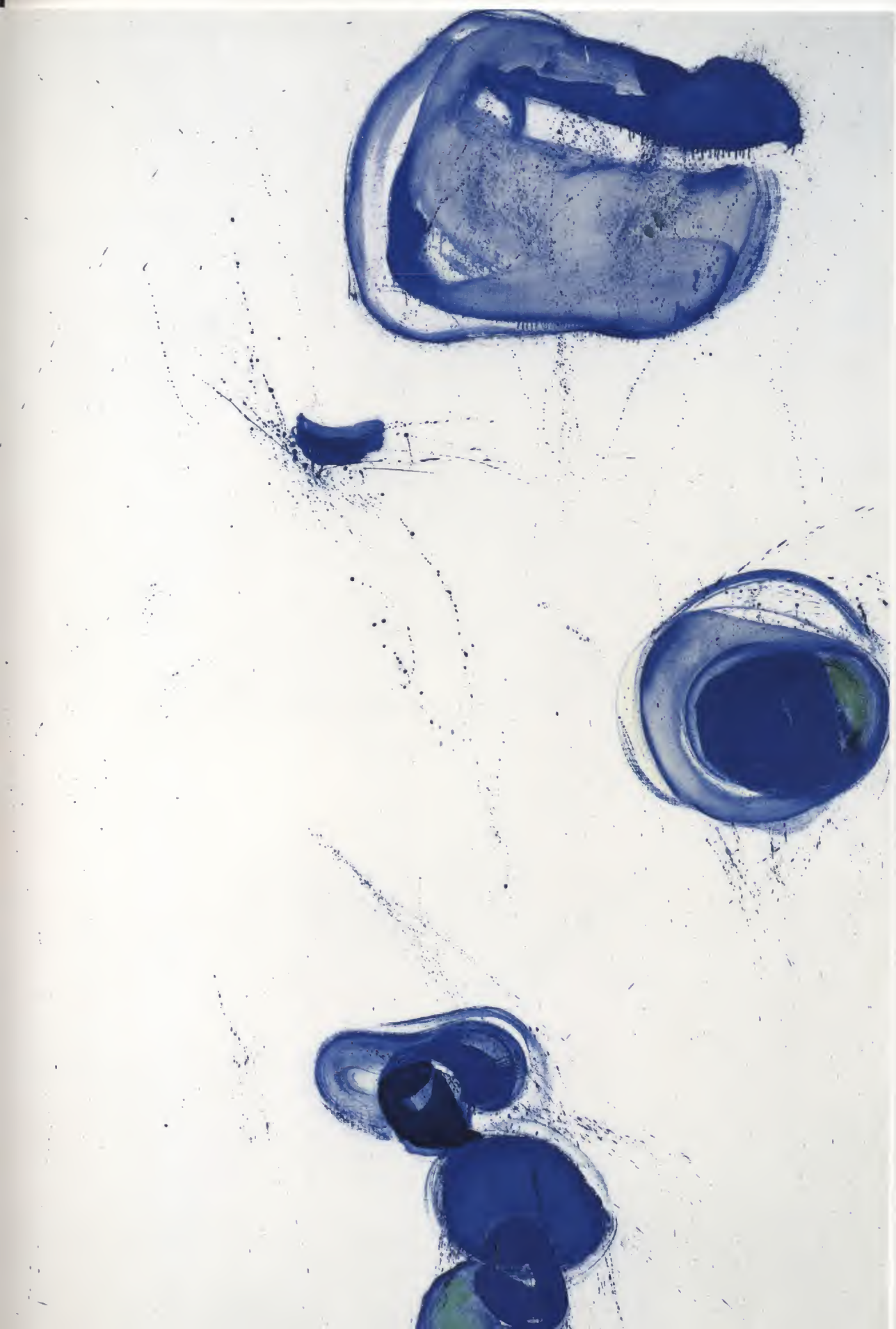
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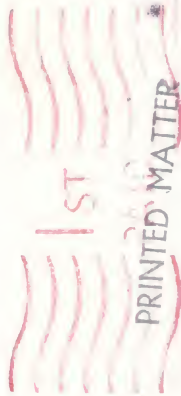
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Education

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Solo Exhibitions

1999 Nicholas Davies Gallery, New York
1997 Condeso Lawler Gallery, New York
New Arts Program, Kutztown, Pennsylvania
1996 Ben Shahn Gallery, William Paterson College, New Jersey
1985 Damon Brandt Gallery, New York
1982 Gallery Per Sten, Copenhagen
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1978 Galerie Ghislain Mollet-Vieville et J.P. Najar, Paris
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Selected Group Exhibitions

1997 *Abstraction Index*, curated by Vincent Longo and Sue Phillips, Condeso Lawler Gallery, New York
Un Collegio Particular, Museum of Modern Art, Gerona, Spain
1995 *Vital Signs*, Condeso Lawler Gallery, New York
Utopia-Constructivism and Minimalism from Louisiana, Esbjerg Kunstmuseum, Denmark
1994 *Theme and Variations*, Curator Tiffany Bell, Condeso Lawler Gallery, New York
1990 *L'Aventure De L'Abstraction*, Fondation Deutsch, Lausanne, Switzerland
The Art of Drawing, Kunsternes Hus, Oslo, Norway
1989 *Les Larmes D'Eros*, Centre d'Arts Contemporains, Orléans, France
1987 *Art On Paper 1987*, Weatherspoon Gallery, Greensboro, North Carolina
1986 *Spirit Tracks*, Pratt Institute Manhattan Gallery and the Shaeffler Gallery, New York
Simon Neuman Gallery, New York
1985 *Large Drawings*, ICI, Curator Elka Solomon, Bass Museum of Art, Florida; Madison Art Center, Wisconsin; Norman Mackenzie Art Gallery, Canada; Anchorage Historical and Fine Arts Museum, Alaska; Santa Barbara Museum of Art, California
1982 *Drawing Distinctions, American Drawing of the Seventies*,
Stadtische Galerie Im Lenbachhaus, Munich;
Wilhelm Hack Museum, Ludwigshafen, Germany
Great Big Drawings, Hayden Gallery MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Black and White, Penthouse, Museum of Modern Art, New York
AntiApocalypse, Ben Shahn Gallery, Wm. Patterson College, NJ
Willard Gallery, NY
1981 *New Work II*, Penthouse, Museum of Modern Art, New York
Heresies, Grey Art Gallery, New York
1980 *L'Amérique Aux Indépendants*, Grand Palais, Paris
1979 *Collaborations in the Poetry Room*, PS 1 Institute for Art and Urban Resources, New York
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Focus 1978, Centre Culturel du Marais, Paris
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1976 *Contemporary Reflections*, Aldrich Museum of Contemporary Art, Ridgefield, Connecticut
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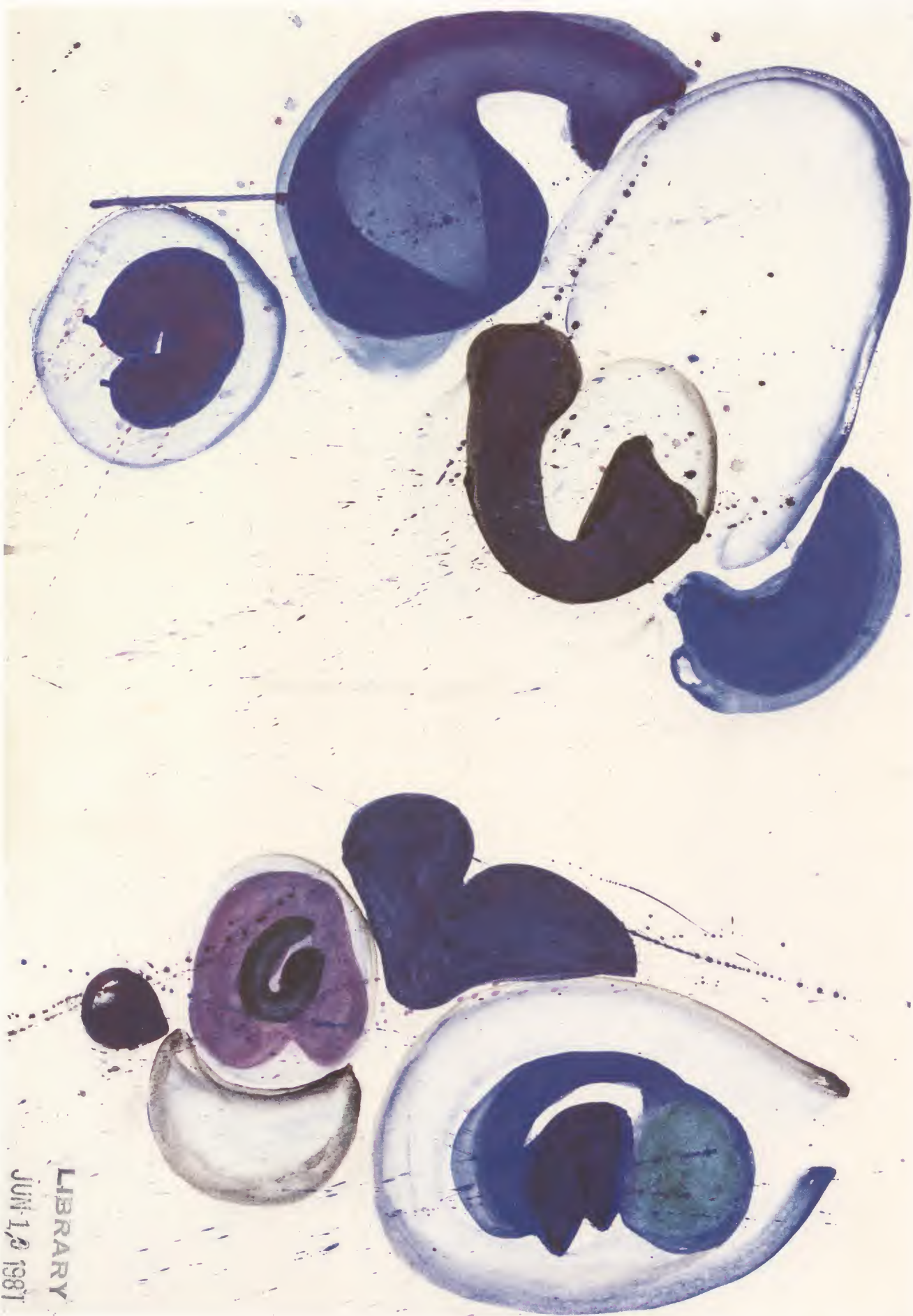
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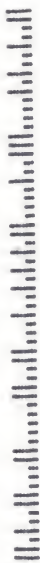
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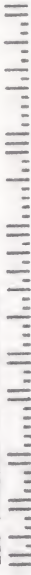
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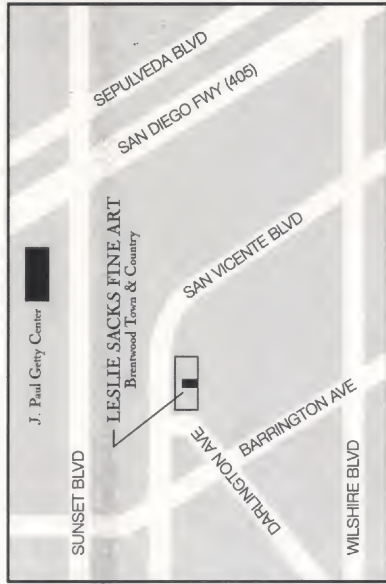
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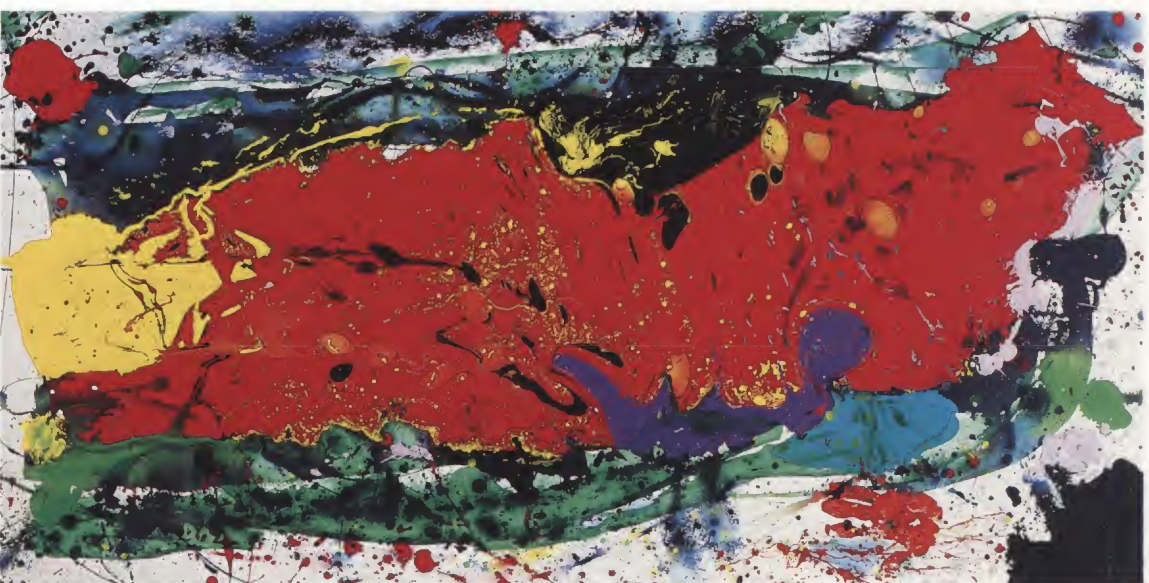
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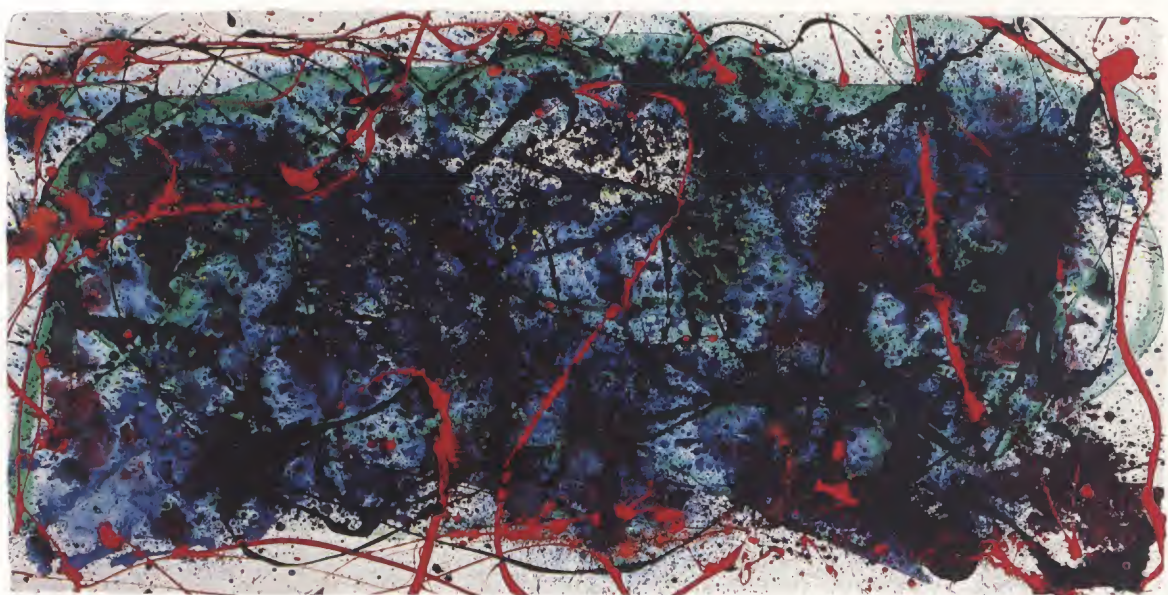
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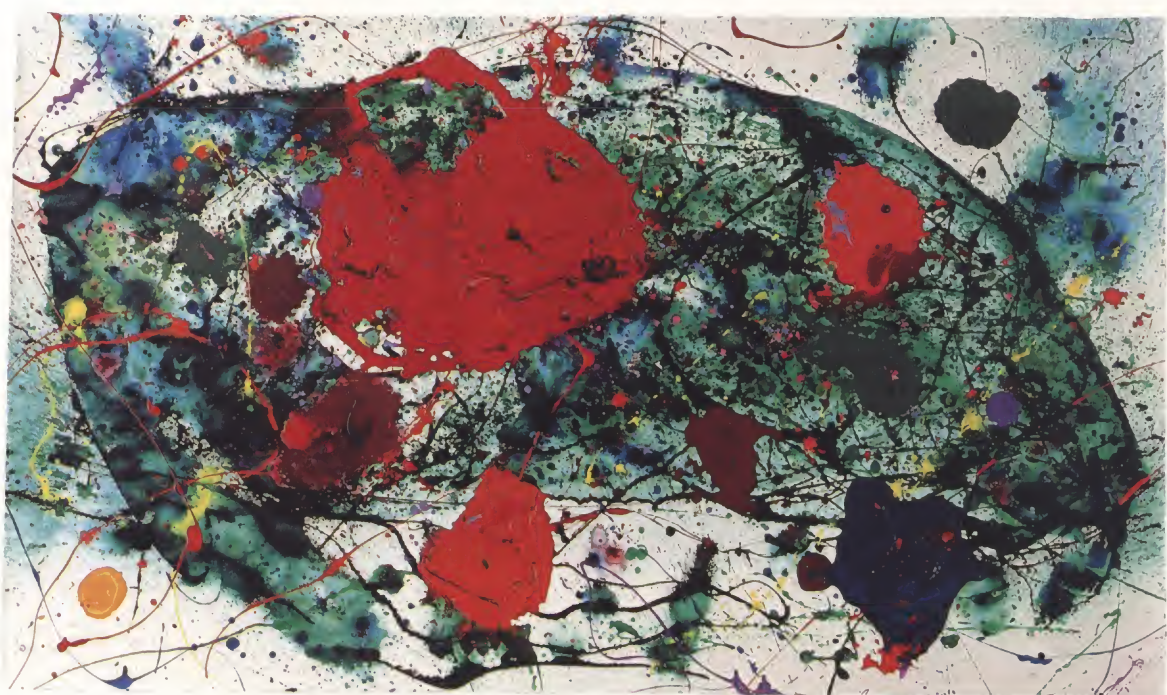
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Thursday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Sam Francis: The Archetypal Image
Michael Zakian
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This show is being held in conjunction with the UCLA Armand Hammer Museum's exhibition *Sunshine and Noir*. Francis's work will figure prominently in this show which celebrates four decades of art making in Los Angeles. In the back gallery we are showing the work of other important Los Angeles artists including Peter Alexander, Joe Goode, Ed Moses, and Robert Therrien.

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These new works were completed by the artist last December at
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SAM FRANCIS: THE ARCHETYPAL IMAGE

The Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art will present *Sam Francis: The Archetypal Image* from January 11 through March 30, 1997.

Sam Francis (1923-1994) was one of California's best known abstract painters. He earned an international reputation in the 1950s for his bold images of floating color.

This exhibition focuses on Francis's involvement with the Swiss psychologist Carl Jung. Francis first became aware of Jung's writings in the 1940s. His interest reached a height in the 1970s when he engaged in a prolonged exploration of Jungian themes and images. He read and studied Jung's writings, entered for a time into Jungian therapy, and became close and lasting friends with several great analysts.

The paintings in this exhibition includes some of Francis's most personal images: spirals, crosses, as well as mandalas and self-portraits. These subjects had great personal relevance to the artist; he returned to them often throughout his career. They are examples of "archetypes," defined by Jung as universal images that carry deep psychological meaning and that are found in the myths and folk art of all world cultures. These intimate paintings are less well-known than the artist's large abstractions. They offer insight into a more personal side of Sam Francis.

A "mandala" is a square or circular image, traditionally used for meditation in Tibetan Buddhism. Francis painted mandalas in order to find his own center and sense of balance. His fascinating self-portraits explore what Jung called the "anima," man's feminine side. In these psychologically revealing images, Francis depicted various sides of his personality, ranging from sensitive to brash, from angelic to aggressive.

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Sam Francis was most attracted to Jung's idea that the human mind or psyche is a dynamic entity that instinctively seeks a balance between opposites. The artist once said, "For me reality is completely psychic. The psyche is my only reality." Francis believed, "My consciousness is an image. Everything of which I am conscious is an image." *Sam Francis: The Archetypal Image* reveals how this important California artist made his consciousness concrete in dynamic visual images.

This exhibition was curated by Michael Zakian, director of the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art. An enlarged version will be shown at the Sala de las Alhajas of the Caja de Madrid, Spain, in April 1997. The Caja de Madrid will be publishing a fully-illustrated, color, bilingual (Spanish-English) exhibition catalog with essays by Michael Zakian; Donald Kuspit, art critic; and Robert Shapazian, director of the Gagosian Gallery in Los Angeles. The exhibition catalog, *Sam Francis: Elements and Archetypes*, will be available in May 1997.

For more information, please contact Michael Zakian, (310) 317-7257.

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SAM FRANCIS: PAINTINGS, 1947-1972

SEPTEMBER 11 - OCTOBER 15, 1972

Preparations are being made by the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York, for a major exhibition, Sam Francis: Paintings, 1947-1972, which will open with a Members Preview at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11. The show, part of the 10th Anniversary celebration, will continue until Sunday, October 15 and will then travel to The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington; The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; and The Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas.

This exhibition will be the first extensive museum showing in the eastern United States of Francis' work. Because Francis' contribution is essential to understanding the development of a mature American art after World War II, this show is the most comprehensive effort to date to put his work into its proper focus in the American art world.

Though born on the West Coast and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, it is a curious fact that Francis is better known in Europe and Japan than he is in this country. He lived and worked in France and Japan for extensive periods and now resides in Santa Monica, California.

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The Albright-Knox Art Gallery is one of the first art museums, along with the Museum of Modern Art, to collect Sam Francis, having purchased the first of three Francis paintings in 1956. In addition to being widely collected by European museums, Francis is also represented in other major North American museums such as the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York; the Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles; the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts, Dallas and the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

The general philosophy of the exhibition is to present the artist's work in the widest range possible for full impact on an audience in the eastern United States which, perhaps, comprises the most active part of the American art world in terms of museums, galleries and activities. A large exhibition of his work took place in Houston, Texas in 1967 which later traveled to Berkeley.

The exhibition will be representative of the seven major visual themes in Francis' painting showing his stylistic origins and progressive treatments of the medium from one style to the next and from one country to the next. The least well-known of his paintings in this country are from the early Paris years, 1950-1954, which will be emphasized along with his recent works.

There will be about 60-70 works in the exhibition and about 50 colored drawings on paper. A catalogue including several color plates will accompany the exhibition.

This exhibition is made possible with the support from the National Endowment for the Arts and from the New York State Council on the Arts.

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Tamarind Fellowship: March-April 1963, August 1963

While in residence at Tamarind, the internationally-known American artist Sam Francis completed 17 lithographs, the first group he created in the United States in this medium. He had worked extensively in lithography in Europe; however, the Tamarind prints include techniques not seen before in the oeuvre of this artist.

Most of the lithographs are multi-stoned and large in scale, the largest measuring 26x36", and the smallest 17x18". The images utilize intense red, blue, green, yellow, orange and violet in overlapping transparent and opaque shapes. Some of the editions progressed through many color-trial states before Mr. Francis was satisfied with the result.

Technical Director Bohuslav Horak, and later, Technical Director Irwin Hollander prepared the stones and plates for printing, and printer-fellows Jason Leese, Robert Gardner, John Dowell, Ken Tyler, and Aris Koutroulis worked in collaboration with the artist in the printing of his editions.

All the editions are on French Rives and Arches paper, with the exception of two Tamarind Impression editions which are on Japanese Nacre paper. Most of the editions comprise 20 impressions; there are two small experimental editions and one large edition of 40 impressions. Prices vary from \$125 to \$300 according to size and complexity of the print.

Sam Francis, born in California, travels widely, dividing his time between New York, California, Paris, Berne and Tokyo.

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SAM FRANCIS, TAMARIND FELLOWSHIP ARTIST: MARCH-APRIL, AUGUST 1963

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Master-printers Bohuslav Horak and Irwin Hollander prepared the stones and plates for printing, and artisan-printers Robert Gardner and Kenneth Tyler and printer-fellows Aris Koutroulis, John Dowell and Jason Leese worked in collaboration with the artist in the pulling of his editions.

All the lithographs are on Rives BFK or Arches paper. Most of the editions comprise twenty impressions, but there are two small experimental editions and one large edition of forty impressions. Prices vary from \$125 to \$300 according to size and complexity of the print.

Sam Francis was born in California in 1923. He divides his time between New York, California, Paris, Berne and Tokyo. Francis has had many international exhibitions and his work is included in most important public and private collections.

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1985-1989

August 3 - September 3, 1989

Opening: Thursday evening, August 3, 6-9 pm.

The internationally renowned American painter, Sam Francis was born in 1923 in San Mateo, California. In the 40's he painted in San Francisco. The 50's took him to Paris, Mexico, Tokyo and Europe. By 1956 he was a prominent figure included in the "12 Americans" show at the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

In 1959 he moved to New York and worked on the magnificent Chase Manhattan Bank Mural. An important exhibition of his work originated at the Pasadena Art Museum and later travelled to The San Francisco Museum of Art and the Seattle Art Museum. In 1962 he moved to Santa Monica, California where he now resides and where The Litho Shop, his own printmaking studio, is located. Francis began The Litho Shop in 1970, and his printmaking has paralleled his extraordinary painting career. In fact he has had full time printers since then.

The past 25 years have seen him complete major murals such as the National Gallery of Art, West Berlin (1969-1970), San Francisco Airport (1983), and he was the subject of a retrospective (1979) of works on paper that travelled to the Far East. His earliest print exhibitions dated from the sixties. In 1961 his first print show was in Berne, Switzerland, and in 1964 at the Martha Jackson Gallery, New York. Catalogues available. Francis is most well known in Seattle for his huge mural-sized painting in the glassed lobby of 1001 4th Avenue Building (previously the Seafirst Bank building). It can be seen while driving by - a great compliment to Henry Moore's sculpture, "Vertebrae" on the plaza.

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The exhibition includes selected lithographs and etchings from The Litho Shop produced over the past four years. Also, his latest works, four over scale color etchings, published by the Italian printmakers, 2RC. The artist has worked on these over a ten year period. A catalogue raisonne of all prints created by Sam Francis is scheduled to be published in 1991.

Sam Francis' paintings are in the collections of major international museums including the Metropolitan Museum of Art , the Museum of Modern Art New York, the Pompidou, Paris, the Tate Gallery, London and the Guggenheim. The National Gallery East Wing, Washington D.C. has a fine collection of paintings from the 50's currently on view as part of its permanent collection.

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The SAM FRANCIS COMMISSION, a major new acquisition for the permanent collection of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, will be on view in its first long-term installation from 2 October through 30 November 1986. This monumental work was commissioned in 1980 by SFMMA director Henry T. Hopkins as part of the Museum's ongoing program to strengthen its holdings of artists from the first wave of American Abstract Expressionism.

Hopkins had seen two major Francis projects executed for specific sites: a mural in the National Gallery of Art in West Berlin, and two paintings commissioned for a concert hall in Denmark's Louisiana Museum in Humlebaek. These works commanded large spaces through their scale and radiant color in a manner Hopkins felt would be appropriate to the special qualities of SFMMA's Wattis Rotunda.

Completed early this year, the painting consists of five panels, each twenty-three feet high by eight feet, seven inches wide, covering the Rotunda's entire west wall. This format allowed Francis to compose in a manner reminiscent of Japanese screens, in which each panel maintains its visual integrity within the overall composition.

The work is a powerful example of Francis' joyful, unrestrained use of color to create space, movement, and form. Paint--in an intense palette of blood red, yellow, pink, deep blue, and purple--is spattered, puddled, and thinned onto large open areas of white canvas to create forms recalling molecular structures, vast geographical formations, or streaks of colored light.

A native Californian, Francis accepted the commission in part to pay tribute to the city of San Francisco, where he recuperated from

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an injury sustained during service in World War II. He first turned to painting while immobilized in Army hospitals briefly in Denver and then in San Francisco, where he studied with Bay Area figurative painter David Park. One of Francis' earliest works was accepted for a juried exhibition at SFMMA while he was still an invalid.

Francis has gained international recognition as a major American artist through his numerous exhibitions abroad, and has received important commissions in painting and, more recently, for stained glass windows, in Tokyo, Bern, New York, Seattle, and Nevers, France.

Francis has made promised gifts of three paintings to SFMMA, allowing a broader section of his oeuvre to be seen. One of these, Untitled, 1963, is on view in the current exhibition drawn from the permanent collection, AMERICAN PAINTING: ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM AND AFTER, through 30 August 1987.

The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art is a member-supported, privately funded museum receiving major grants from the California Arts Council, the Institute of Museum Services, the James Irvine Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the San Francisco Foundation, and the San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund.

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SANTA CLARA-----Noted American abstract painter Sam Francis will have a major one man exhibit of his works in de Saisset Art Gallery and Museum at the University of Santa Clara, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 11.

This exhibit will include a number of oil paintings on loan from private collections and eight gouaches and ten lithographs, in both color and black and white.

The 50-year-old artist has divided most of his life living in France and in Southern California. A graduate in art from the University of California in Berkeley, where he received a master's degree, he also was awarded an honorary doctorate by the university in 1969.

Francis has had major exhibits in numerous galleries and museums throughout the world during the past 20 years, among the most recent; a major retrospective of his works which has travelled this year from the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo, N.Y., to the Whitney Museum, the Dallas Museum, and the Oakland Museum.

In 1969 Francis received a commission for a mural for the National Gallery of Art in Berlin and, the following year, exhibited five large paintings at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. In 1971, he had major shows at the Emmerich Gallery in New York, the Galerie Jean Fournier in Paris, and the Minami Gallery in Tokyo. He also was included in the 32nd Corcoran Biennial in Washington, D.C. that same year.

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A native of San Mateo, Francis began painting in 1944 while he was recuperating from spinal tuberculosis in a Denver hospital. "Painting became a way back to life for me then. During those four years, I painted to stay alive. Now, painting is my way of life."

He has studied also at the School of Fine Arts in San Francisco, with David Parks, and at the Academie Fernand Leger in Paris. He had several exhibits in Paris before getting his first museum exhibit, in Bern in 1955. That same year, the Museum of Modern Art in New York acquired two of his paintings, Big Red and Black in Red, his first paintings to enter a public collection.

Francis began producing lithographs in the United States in 1963 and executed 12 for the Pasadena Suite, which was published by the Art Alliance of the Pasadena Museum in 1966.

Francis's show will continue in de Saisset Gallery through Sunday, Oct. 28. The lithographs and gouaches are being loaned to de Saisset by the Smith-Anderson Gallery in Palo Alto, and the oil paintings belong in private collections of the artist's mother, Virginia Francis, and of Mr. and Mrs. David Elliott of Atherton, Saga Foods Service of Menlo Park, and Oakland Museum of Art.

The gallery is open to the public without charge Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday evening, 7 to 9 and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

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The gallery will be open for "First Thursday", September 7 from 6 until 9 pm.

The Linda Farris gallery announces the extension of its current exhibition of recent lithographs and etchings the internationally renowned American painter, SAM FRANCIS.

Sam Francis was born in 1923 in San Mateo, California. In the 40's he painted in San Francisco. The 50's took him to Paris, Mexico, Tokyo and Europe. By 1956 he was a prominent figure included in the "12 Americans" show at the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

The exhibition includes 18 pieces which Sam Francis helped select for this show. Included are his latest works, four 4' x 8' color etchings, published by the Italian printmakers, 2RC. The artist has worked on these over a ten year period. Also, 14 lithographs and etchings from The Litho Shop produced over the past four years are included. A catalogue raisonne of all prints created by Sam Francis is scheduled to be published in 1991.

Other prints by Sam Francis currently in the gallery's inventory include three lithographs from 1960 and a 1971 lithograph published by Gemini GEL.

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Vers tes navrants palais polaires*

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SAM FRANCIS: RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION

Sam Francis, at thirty-two years of age, in January 1956, was described by Time as "the hottest American painter in Paris these days." In the eleven years since, Francis' talent has not paled, nor has his production diminished. His reputation has spread on the one hand from his native California through New York, London and Paris to Switzerland, Scandanavia and Italy and on the other to Japan where he has worked for extended periods. Abroad he still remains the best known American painter of his generation. On October 12, The

Museum of Fine Arts of Houston is opening the most complete retrospective exhi-

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bition of Francis' work yet held, comprising selected works from Sweden, Switzerland, Germany, Japan and the United States - oils, gouaches, watercolors, acrylics and lithographs.

Francis is a brilliant colorist, a master of decoration -- decoration in the grand style. His mural work of the past ten years on three continents is well known: his 26 foot composition of 1957 for the Sogetsu School in Tokyo (on loan to the present exhibition); his mural for the stairway of the Kunsthalle of Basel, 1958; his 1959 mural for the Park Avenue Branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York; and in the present show his monumental Meaningless Gesture, 247 feet square; Mexico from the Ohara Museum in Okayama, Japan, and the fourteen-foot high Over Yellow II from the Moderna Museet of Stockholm.

Francis' easel paintings have this same sensuous abandon, this same intuitive feeling for the rightness of relationships of tones and values. Nature is the source of his inspiration; nature's world of light, the skies of dawn and of sunset - cloud shapes, the depth, the space, the infinite distance behind that forms and dramatizes them. These are Francis' materials.

As a young man in the armed services from 1943 to 1945, Francis suffered a spinal injury and was confined to bed for many months. Previous to his enlist-



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Sam Francis Focus of Whitney Display

By HILTON KRAMER

The career of the American painter Sam Francis is something of a historical oddity. Now 49 years old, he has been for many years one of the most celebrated abstract painters on the world scene, yet he is one of the very few American artists of his generation whose reputation and influence owe little or nothing to New York.

At a time—the 1950's—when New York was finally establishing itself as the center of the abstract expressionist movement, Mr. Francis was living and working in Paris, where critics first hailed him as a major talent. For a while he was probably the best-known American artist in Europe, and his work was lavished with extravagant praise by critics and collectors who had not yet granted esthetic recognition to the New York school. Even today, when American painting is widely praised and collected abroad, he remains a painter whose work is better known—and more openly admired—in western Europe and in Japan than it is in New York.

Thus the retrospective exhibition that has now come to the Whitney Museum of American Art, Madison Avenue at 75th Street, brings us a body of work by an American painter that is relatively unfamiliar to the New York art public. Even this large exhibition has not been initiated in New York. It was organized by Robert T. Buck Jr., for the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo and comes to the Whitney as part of a national tour.

If the artist's career has been a historical oddity, how-

ever, his painting is not. It has followed—albeit at a certain distance and with a distinct personal accent—the principal lines of development traced by the first generation of abstract expressionists in New York. In its initial stages at least, his work derived from the examples of Mark Rothko, Clyfford Still and Arshile Gorky, whose art he first came to know as a student in California in the late 1940's.

What is astonishing in retrospect is the freedom and ease with which Mr. Francis developed his art out of these American sources once he established himself in Paris in 1950. Like his New York counterparts, most of whom were a generation older than himself, he was interested in an abstract art based very largely on color and on a sense of scale and space that went beyond the conventional dimensions of the easel picture. Like them, too, he adopted new methods for applying pigment to the canvas, dripping and washing color onto the picture surface in ways that permitted both a high degree of improvisation and a sustained control of pattern and design.

The result was a style of bold, color-saturated, mural-size abstract painting that is sometimes filled with formal detail, sometimes almost empty of all visual incident, but it is always extremely elegant in its decorative presence. Perhaps it is this unashamed decorative quality—a willingness to traffic in beautiful effects without apology or disguise—that separates Mr. Francis from some of his New York counterparts. I say perhaps,

for many a member of the New York school has likewise gone over to this care-free indulgence of the sheerly decorative. Still, one does have the impression that the Parisian milieu of the 1950's permitted Mr. Francis to develop this purely hedonistic aspect of his style a bit earlier than Americans working in New York.

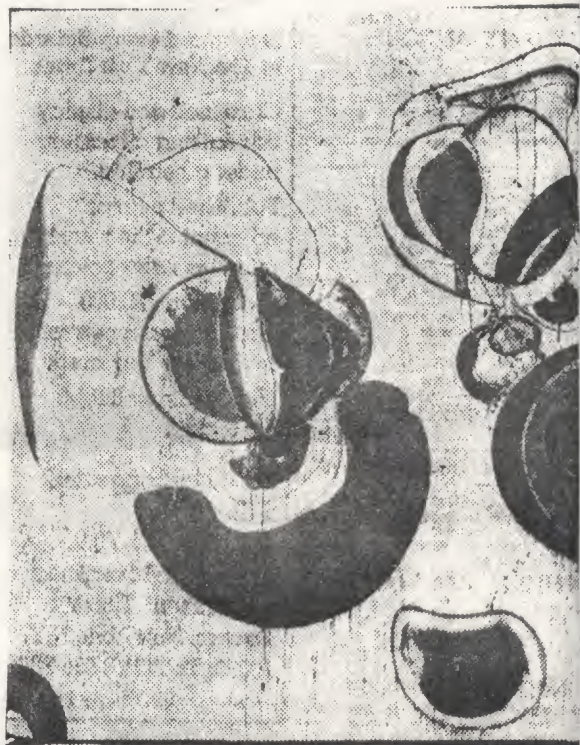
In recent years, Mr. Francis's art has shown a tendency—whether in response to New York painting or as a parallel to it, I cannot say—to become notably emptier of visual incident and to confine its expressive detail to the framing edges of the picture surface. Even in this starker visual mode, however, he remains completely in command of the decorative statement.

All in all, an impressive career that has yielded a copious accomplishment. (There are some 150 works in the present exhibition.) I must confess, however, that it is an accomplishment that remains far more interesting to this observer as an episode of cultural history than as an esthetic experience. I find it fascinating that a young artist isolated from the dynamics of New York in the 1950's developed a pictorial style that resembles and parallels in so many ways what we have tended to think of as a New York style.

Yet I do not find the result very deep or very persuasive. There is an emotional thinness in Mr. Francis's work that makes any large exhibition of his pictures finally a rather tedious and superficial experience. And this show, with its unremitting repetition of a very few and very limited ideas, somehow gets smaller and smaller in the mind's eyes as one makes one's way to its end.

This is, to be sure, something of a minority view. Mr. Buck speaks for many connoisseurs of contemporary art in saying that Mr. Francis "ranks among the greatest American painters of our time."

The exhibition remains on view through Jan. 14.



"Why Then Opened, I" by Sam Francis, at the Whitney

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THE MAKING OF THE DAVIS, FISCHER, SOSIN FAMILIES SAM FRANCIS ART COLLECTION,

1962 TO 1994

Martin Sosin

*A*s a new member of the California Bar. I started to make the rounds as a rubber chicken professional speaker to widen my availability as a CPA/tax lawyer. I was invited to the Santa Monica Bar Association luncheon meeting, at the end of which I was approached by one of the attendees, Bill Elhort. He was a patent lawyer and told me he had a friend, a local artist, who needed my talents. We scheduled a meeting for shortly thereafter at Sam's Venice, California, Main Street storefront address, i.e., 1378 Main Street, Venice, California. This was in the early part of 1962.

We arrived at Sam's studio in the early afternoon. Sam was resting on a bed that he usually had in all his studios. He claimed that he dreamed often, which gave rise to the colorful images that he painted.

We were introduced and I was amazed. I thought I was looking in a mirror. Sam and I were so much alike—we both were 5' 6" tall, robust in build, about 160 pounds, ruddy complexion, brown hair, blue eyes. As it turned out, we were about the same age; Sam was born in 1923 and I was born in 1922. It was uncanny.

Sam Francis: "Marty, Bill thinks I need a guy like you to handle my business affairs. How shall we handle this new relationship? I want you to do anything you believe will help me financially and the business part of my painting activities. I must remind you. I hate paperwork."

Marty Sosin: "I must remind you—my life's blood is paperwork."

Sam Francis: "Alright, alright. Do what you must, just pass the material by me as I'm interested in all those things and I'll sign whatever I must just to humor you. Don't keep any records that most lawyers do, and I'll give you paintings in exchange for your services. From time to time, we'll sit down in my studio and you can pick whatever paintings you want for your services. No restrictions!"

Sam was completely a right-brained artist and I was completely a left-brained businessman. We were a perfect match, which probably accounts for our long relationship. It turns out that I was Sam's alter ego. If he had a favorite masseur, he arranged for me to get massages. Sam was into homeopathic medicine, so if I needed medical treatment, Sam arranged for me to see a homeopathic practitioner. Sam was devoted to Jungian psychiatry and was being treated by Jack Kirsch, a Jungian, so I had to also be treated by him, and on and on.

So that started my thirty-three-year career as Sam's alter ego and the creation of the Davis, Fischer, Sosin Families Sam Francis Art Collection.

WORKING IN THE DARK

Robert Shapazian

*A*n the course of my task as director of the book publishing company owned by Sam Francis, he and I would speak together frequently. Every time I heard his voice, my spirit would jump, for I knew I was about to have another inspiring conversation with my dear friend, a conversation full of great humor, great ideas, enthusiasm, affection, dreaming, and passion for everything we discussed. When he called one summer afternoon, his voice was unusually soft and cautious, as though he were going to tell me a secret. "Robert, you know, in a few days I'll be getting some drawings that have been in storage in my Tokyo studio for years. They're very special. Very dark. Black drawings. You know, things that I haven't shown much, and that people don't know very well, that they don't understand. They're very personal and important to me. I want you to see them."

Sam was inviting me to see work that he considered intensely private and deeply interior. When we viewed the drawings, I found them mysterious and full of paradox. Here were dark studies in pools of black ink made by this supreme master of brilliant color, a man who searched the world for rare pigments, who ground them like an alchemist, who created beautiful shades that were uniquely his. What were these dark works? Why the decision to pull back from color into this black essence? My first reaction was puzzled disappointment.

As I looked at the paintings, however, what my rational mind questioned, my feelings and intuition did not. Yes, they were black designs on white paper, with infrequent touches of color. But each was exuberant and gorgeous, with all the intensity and energy that I associated with Sam's full spectrum of color. My eyes saw black, but I felt a complete range of brilliance as well as darkness. Even the most densely painted studies contained great light and clarity. My knowledge of Sam's coloristic works gave me insight into these dark drawings. Each mode revealed something about the other.

So these works were not less, because of their insistence on black. They were, nevertheless, a conspicuous renunciation of the variety of color and everything unique to it. In these monochromes, Sam seemed to retreat from, let us say, the florid beauty of the world into an extremely interior place of essence and concentration. We might call it the place of in-sight. I understood this after discovering these lines written by him in one of his many notebooks:

Insight is in the dark

All insights are dark

What does this mean? Insight grows out of darkness, out of prior obscurity. Insight rises from depth toward illumination. But insight also increases depth and profundity, opening a new terrain of mystery. One can go on and on, trying to unravel this paradox about the eternal and creative relationship between opposites of all kinds. Sam believed the truth of this paradox completely.

Thinking more about his work, I realized that black images occur throughout his career. They are a constant, like the essential interior Being of the artist himself. Set against them is the abundant variety of all the coloristic works, which, as they change in shape and hue, always relate to the dark constant. This is true even during the early 1950s, when Sam made the large paintings that resemble a translucent and airy atmosphere of uniform white, or blue, or light orange. At the same, he was making small works on paper in clotted black, but identical to the colored canvases in the overall application of pigment. The small studies actually anticipate both the masses of black paint and large areas of high color that dominate the large paintings several years later.

In the artist's notebooks, we find other paradoxical statements about the relationship of darkness to the appearance of lightness and air:



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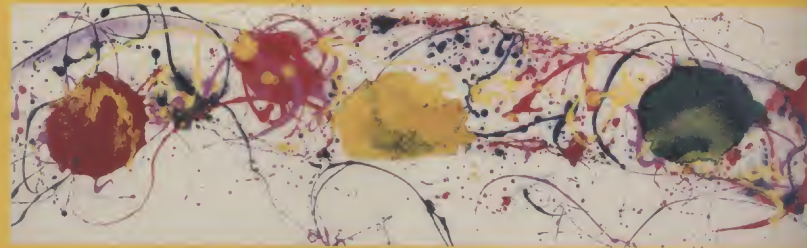
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FRANCIS,
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Sam Francis
les années parisiennes

1950
1961

Sam Francis

les années parisiennes

12 déc. 1995 / 18 févr. 1996

Initiée avec l'artiste, la rétrospective de la période parisienne de Sam Francis est, après le décès de celui-ci, le premier hommage international qui lui soit rendu. Cette manifestation s'inscrit dans la lignée des expositions du Jeu de Paume consacrées à une période fondamentale d'un peintre majeur ("Jean Dubuffet, les dernières années" ; "Ellsworth Kelly, les années françaises" ...). C'est en effet à partir de 1950, lorsqu'il s'installe à Paris, que se développe le caractère unique de l'œuvre de Sam Francis : vibrations colorées allant de la monochromie la plus ténue jusqu'aux stridences de la couleur envahissant l'espace de la toile. Ces tableaux, qui furent perçus en leur temps comme le point de rencontre entre la tradition européenne héritée de Monet et l'abstraction expressionniste américaine, sont aujourd'hui les signes de la première tentative du peintre d'aller jusqu'aux extrêmes de la peinture et figurent, par leur aboutissement, parmi les réussites majeures de l'art moderne.

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commissaire
de l'exposition

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rencontre

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Schneider. Son essai,
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de l'infini en peinture

Lionel Rogosin

rétrospective des films

13 févr. / 18 févr. 1996



Membre du Nouveau Cinéma américain (NAC) fondé autour de Jonas Mekas, Lionel Rogosin, cinéaste et producteur, marque une étape dans l'histoire du documentaire américain avec *On the Bowery* (1956), vie d'un clochard alcoolique dans un quartier pauvre du sud de Manhattan. Il témoigne, à travers un mélange de "cinéma direct" et de fiction, d'une autre Amérique : celle des oubliés. Thème qu'il reprend dans plusieurs films consacrés au sort des Noirs en Afrique – *Come Back Africa*, 1959 – ou au Sud des États-Unis – *Woodcutters of the Deep South*, 1973.

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12 artistes européens pour 12 timbres français

12 déc. / 18 févr. 1996

Organisée en collaboration avec le Service National des Timbres-poste et de la Philatélie, cette exposition réunira les projets originaux des douze artistes européens sollicités par la Poste française pour l'émission d'une série de timbres. Inaugurée par Francis Bacon en 1992, à l'occasion de l'ouverture du Marché Unique Européen, cette série s'achèvera par la sortie, en février 1996, du douzième timbre commandé à l'artiste néerlandais Jan Dibbets. Le Jeu de Paume a tenu à faire le point sur cette initiative de promotion de la création contemporaine en Europe, qui bénéficie d'une diffusion exceptionnelle grâce au vecteur privilégié qu'est le timbre-poste.

18 février 1996

12 décembre 1995

FRANCIS, Sam

One-Man

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painting to Europe and
Japan. • JUN 17, 73

International-style Southland abstractionist Sam Francis is seen in a 25-year review of his paintings at the Oakland Museum through Aug. 5. The exhibition includes more than 140 works ranging from oversize canvases to small works on paper. Francis, who lives in Santa Monica, was among the first American painters to introduce U.S. abstract

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geboren 1923 in San Mateo (Kalifornien)

1941–43 Psychologie- und Medizinstudien an der
University of California,

1943–45 in der Armee,

1946 erste Ausstellung im Jahressalon des Museums
von San Francisco,

seit 1947 abstrakte Malerei,

1950 Niederlassung in Paris

Einzelausstellungen u. a.

Galerie Nina Dausset, Paris 1952,

Galerie Rive Droite, Paris, 1955,

Martha Jackson Gallery, New York, 1956,

Gimpel Fils Gallery, London, 1957,

Klipstein & Kornfeld, Bern, 1957,

Tokio, 1957.

Gruppenausstellungen u. a.

Galerie Arnaud, Paris, 1954,

Junge amerikanische Kunst, Iserlohn, 1956,

12 Amerikaner, Museum of Modern Art, New York,
1956,

Neue Malerei in Frankreich, Soest, 1958,

Die neue amerikanische Malerei, Kunsthalle Basel, 1958,

Sammlungen und Museen u. a.

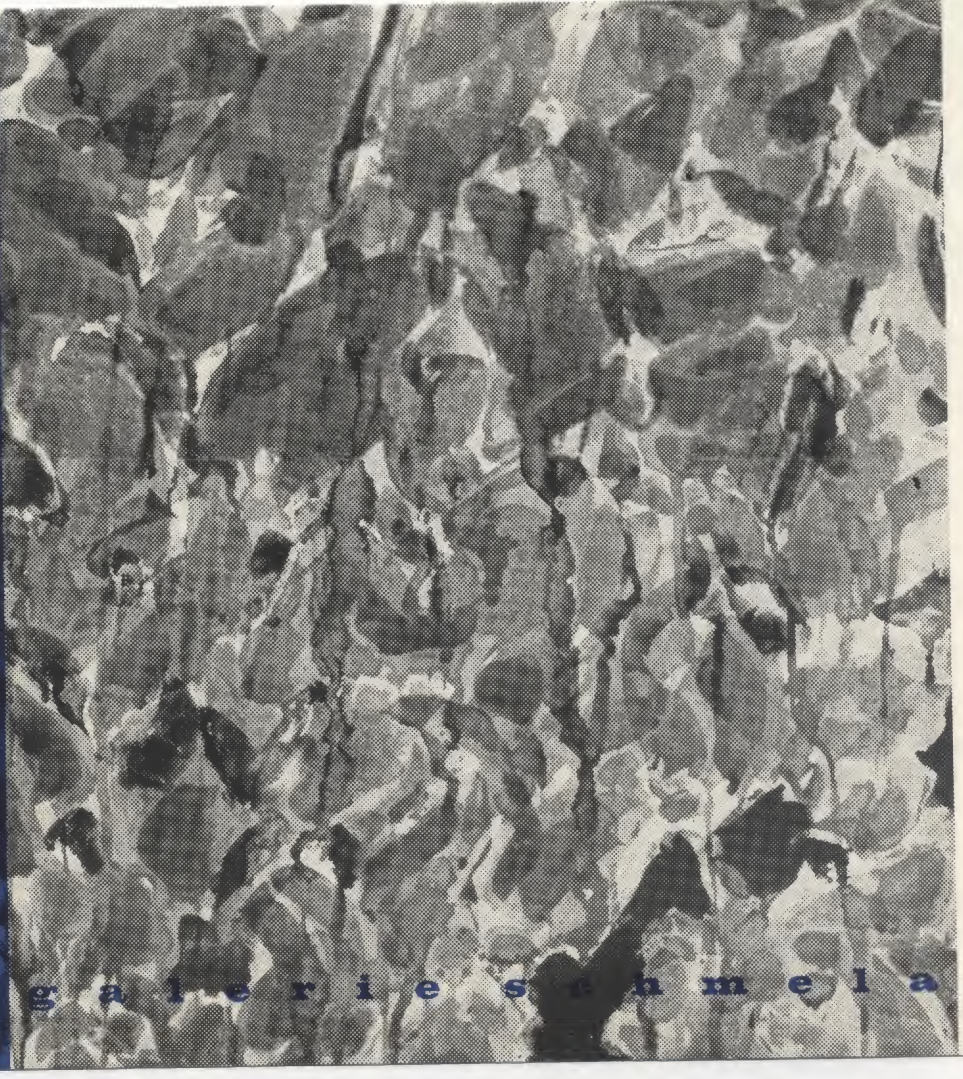
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Sam Francis. Ten Puffs. Öl auf Leinwand. 1974. 180:280 cm.

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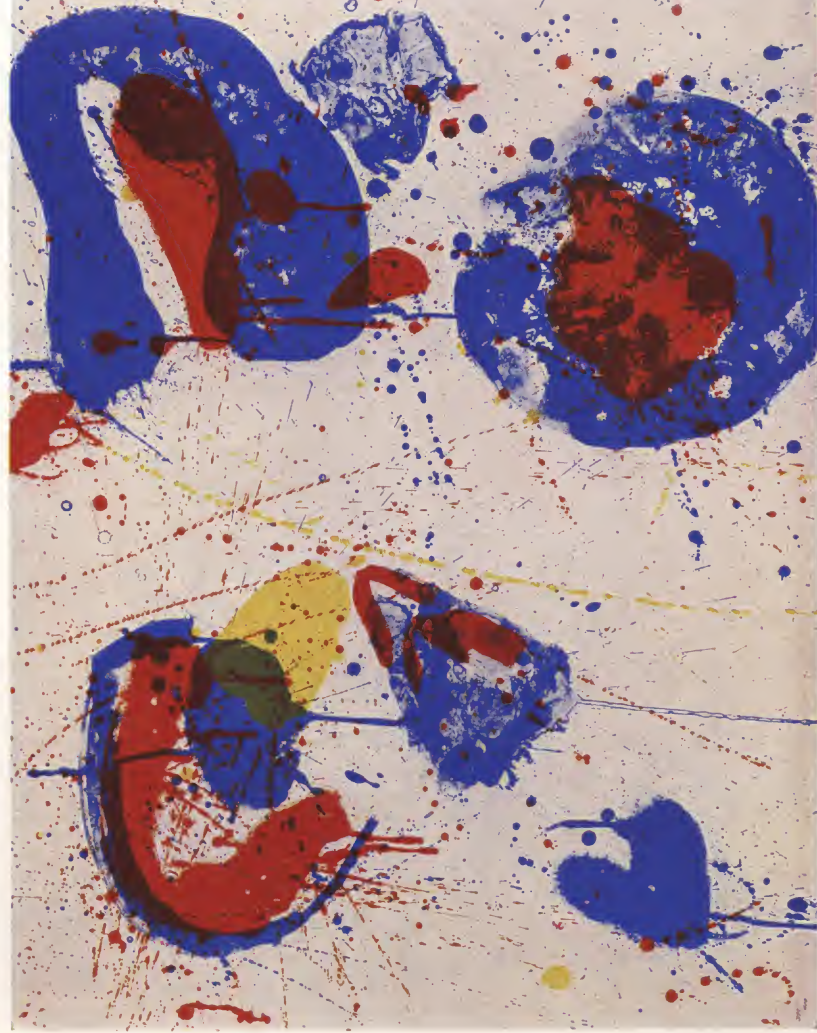
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